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S. African raid into Lesotho kills 37

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 9 (AP) — South African troops attacked the Lesotho capital of Maseru and killed as many as 37 persons Thursday in a pre-dawn raid against black nationalists.

The South Africans apparently walked into the independent mountain kingdom's main city, a few hundred yards from the South African border, and took it over for more than an hour.

Lesotho officials and Western diplomats said the raiders met scant resistance in the city of 51,000 people as they attacked 12 targets in business areas, wealthy suburbs and poor villages.

South African military chief Lt. Gen. Constant Viljoen said in a statement that 30 members of the African National Congress were killed. He said five women and two children were killed and four South African soldiers wounded.

Permanent Secretary V.T. Ndobe, the top civil servant in the Lesotho Foreign Ministry, said in a telephone interview, about 30 people were killed, some of them Lesotho citizens, including women. Others were South African ANC refugees.

Maseru residents said the raiders left by helicopter that landed on a sports field. Ndobe estimated the attacking force at more than 100.

U.N. Secretary general Javier Perez de Cuellar Thursday condemned South Africa's incursion and said he was appalled by the loss of innocent lives. In a statement, he said he had been informed that the Lesotho government intended to raise the matter with the U.N. Security Council.

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Nuclear protester's bluff proves fatal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Consumed by a conviction that mankind is drifting toward nuclear extinction, a White House protester, a loner no one much noticed, shed in a final gesture for a national dialogue on the nuclear weapons question."

Norman D. Mayer held the Washington Monument hostage with an reckless bluff on Wednesday. He claimed to have dynamite in his white van, and he demanded that the newspapers and broadcasters devote 51 percent of their space and time to discussing the fear that obsessed him.

After night fell, the siege ended and Mayer was dead.

The 66-year-old Miami Beach, Florida, handyman, still dressed in a blue jumpsuit, was shot in the head in a barrage of police

gunfire after he started driving his van from the monument. He got only a few yards.

"If the truck had become mobile, we would have had a moving time bomb in the city of Washington," said Chief Lynn Herring of the U.S. Park Police, explaining the decision to open fire. The White House was about 400 meters away.

Mayer, wounded, took down a flagpole. The van flipped onto its side. When police got to him, Mayer was still alive, still warning that the vehicle was loaded with TNT. Police handcuffed him to his steering wheel. Minutes later he was dead.

There had been indications he had an accomplice and police spent nearly five hours searching for one. But they found no one.

A police officer reported seeing a person run inside the shaft, precipitating a step-by-step search of the 898 steps to the peak.

Mayer had a history of protesting against nuclear war the last few weeks outside the White House gates. And a friend who visited him during the siege said it was Mayer, dressed in blue jumpsuit and helmet, who had staged the threat.

Major Marion Barry said there were no explosives in the truck. The man had claimed, variously, that it contained dynamite or "1,000 pounds of TNT."

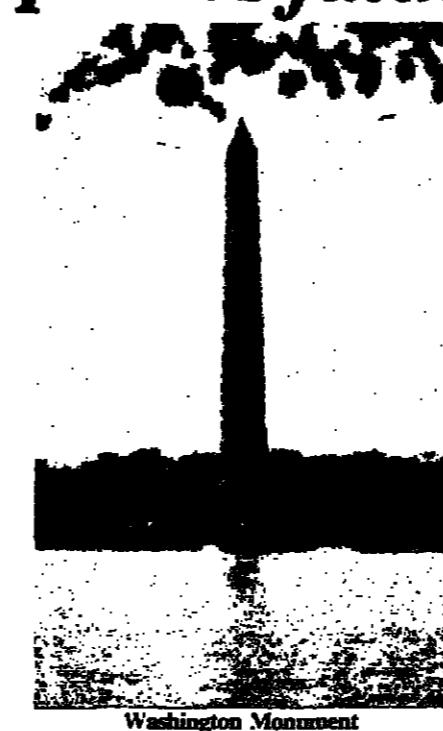
The siege had begun in the bright fall sunshine at 9:20 a.m. when the van with the slogan "No. 1 priority. Ban nuclear weapons" painted on its side was driven up a grassy slope, facing the door of the monument. Nine persons were trapped inside for more than five hours, but they were allowed to leave in the afternoon.

After several hours, the man agreed to talk with a single reporter and told him he wanted a nationwide discussion on banning nuclear weapons.

The reporter said he was told: "It's up to the press, it's up to the media. They have been pretending that we are not threatened every day of our lives with annihilation."

The explosion threat halted traffic across the 14th Street Bridge over the Potomac

Protester Norman Mayer



Washington Monument

River to the suburbs of Virginia. Authorities evacuated thousands of public servants from the nearby departments of agriculture and commerce and other government buildings.

Even President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan took special precautions inside the executive mansion of the White House, the site of a luncheon for President Reagan had to be changed. Police settled in for a long siege after the protester told the reporter he expected to see him again Friday. All the day he made his demands in a printed leaflet he handed to a reporter who acted as an intermediary with police.

It said "as an act of sanity, ban nuclear weapons or have a nice doomsday as in my truck. There are 54 kilograms of TNT that can be detonated four different ways on automatic."

He said Reagan had not reached a decision on whether to increase the force of 1,200 U.S. Marines in Lebanon pending consultations on Gemayel's request and the possibility of other countries contributing troops to the force.

Habib, who negotiated the agreement that led to the departure of Palestinian commandos from Beirut after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, was recalled this week along with Draper for consultations in Washington.

Earlier, the White House said their recall did not mean negotiations for the removal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian troops from Lebanon were stalled.

But Reagan administration officials said privately they were concerned that their unofficial deadline for a complete pullback by the end of this month might not be met.

Speaks said the meeting of Reagan's advisers was held to discuss the next steps in the Middle East process as well as the situation in Lebanon.

He said Reagan remained totally committed to his Sept. 1 Middle East peace plan as well as to the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

"We recognize it is a difficult situation there but it is urgent that we move forward in the process," he said. "The longer the process continues without substantial progress, the greater the possibility of a return to violence in the region."

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has urged the United States to contribute to normalizing Israel-Lebanon relations, making it clear he meant more than a mere security arrangement for northern Israel.

NATO seeks

Soviet talks

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — NATO governments Thursday offered to open a "realistic dialogue" with Moscow, but said plans for new U.S. missiles in Europe will go ahead unless there is a breakthrough in arms negotiations next year.

Alliance foreign ministers, starting two days of talks, agreed the West must remain firm in its defense policy but should be ready to respond to any gestures for improved relations from the new Kremlin leadership, conference sources said.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said NATO should offer an "outstretched hand" to Soviet Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov, based on the "absolute unity, firmness and openness" of the 16-nation alliance.

Italy's Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo said the Western grouping "must pursue its policy of firmness but also keep open all the opportunities of a realistic dialogue with the Soviet Union."

Officials said the theme of a realistic dialogue, implying hoped-for changes in Soviet attitudes on key issues such as arms control, was echoed by other speakers in a closed-door "super-restricted" session at NATO headquarters outside Brussels.

"It is absolutely necessary to move forward

Call to strip Begin of peace prize

PARIS, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — A statement urging the Nobel Peace Prize Board to withdraw the 1978 prize awarded to Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin appeared Thursday in leading European newspapers bearing the signatures of more than 100 Egyptians and Europeans.

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Begin opposed the creation of an independent Palestinian state and continued building of Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Arab States and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), continued to call for a separate Palestinian state.

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And now it's test-tube roses

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Georges Delbard, France's "king of roses", has perfected a "test-tube" growth method which should enable him to flood the world with his rose bushes.

He plans to mass produce roses as though they come from a factory, according to market gardening sources in the French capital.

Using the Delbard "test-tube" method it is possible to produce from 1,000 rose trees four million saleable cuttings within nine months. The same method can also be used to produce fruit trees.

A market gardening expert said: "There are obvious advantages to this project. A laboratory with an area of one-tenth of a hectare will produce as many cuttings as a

100-hectare (250-acre) market garden. In addition, a grower can ignore seasonal climates."

"These cuttings, as they are not transplanted grafts, do not suffer from any reject factors. Also they are extremely resistant to cold, and flower rapidly."

The system will also enable the company to boost its production of cuttings from 500,000 this year to three million next year.

The Delbard technique is partly based on work carried out in the fifties by the National Agricultural Research Institute.

Delbard is planning to break the present stranglehold on the French winter flower market established by foreign growers in Colombia, Italy and Morocco.

Lethal injection sparks medical, legal row

Oklahoma followed a call from the WMA and refused to participate.

A Texas doctor, Ralph Grey, examined Brooks the day before his execution to make certain his veins could accept lethal dose of drugs. He also supplied the three drugs used to kill Brooks.

The American Medical Association (AMA), representing half the doctors in

the state, has told its members not to participate in executions because it is a doctor's job to heal not kill.

Dr. Grey did not participate in the actual execution — that was performed by a medical technician who sat behind a wall and was never seen by Brooks. Several doctors criticized Dr. Grey but the chairman of the

AMA's judicial council said he did not appear to have violated medical ethics.

Supporters of death by injection argue it is a more humane way to kill than sending electric shocks through a man's body or choking him to death with a rope.

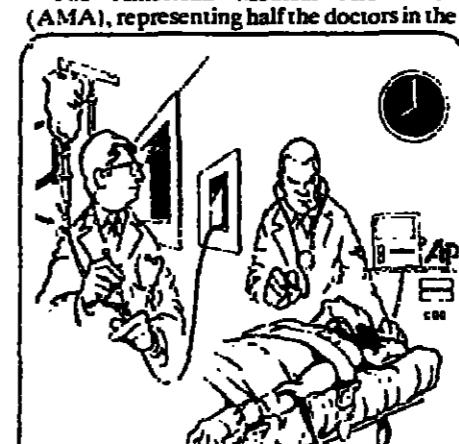
Dick Reavis, a reporter for the Texas monthly magazine, described Brooks' death this way: "He moved his head as if to say 'no,' then he yawned and his eyes closed, and then he wheezed. His head fell over toward us, then he wheezed again."

For lawyers the question was not how Brooks died but whether he received a full measure of justice before his death. Charles Duncan, director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Texas and one of Brooks' lawyers, said he was railroaded to his death.

Duncan is bitterly convinced that Brooks received "the same measure of justice that a man run over by a speeding car driven by a drunk who had jumped a stop sign does."

Jack Strickland, the man who prosecuted Brooks for the 1976 murder and kidnapping of mechanic David Gregory, agrees and thinks the state may have killed the wrong man. Brooks and his childhood friend Woody Louires, both high on heroin, had kidnapped Gregory, 26, in Fort Worth. He was taken to a motel and shot in the head.

Brooks and Louires were both condemned to die but Louires' verdict was overturned on a technical error.



Kingdom calls on U.N.:

Stop Israeli canal

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has called on the U.N. General Assembly to adopt a resolution demanding halt to an Israeli project to construct a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea with the Dead Sea. Speaking at a special political committee debate Wednesday night on the project, Saudi Arabian delegate Saleh Al-Andari said it was safe to assume that Israel would not halt the canal construction project despite several resolutions adopted by the organization. He added that the project was the "latest in a series of aggressive Israeli actions." Andari said the project was undertaken with two clear objectives, namely the obvious financial benefits to Israel and the other being the reaffirmation of Israel's control over the land of Palestine.

Riyadh hosts second Filipino food festival

By Javid Hassan

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 9 — Creativity is the word at the Filipino Food Festival and Trade Exhibition that has opened for a week-long billing here at the Riyadh Palace Hotel. On display are a range of products from rattan furniture to exquisite brass plants, seashell birds, boxes and flowers, monkeypads fruit trays and nylon stocking butterflies costing SR20 to SR25 a piece.

Black coral flowers, which can be shaped in any way to suit the flower arrangement, among others, testify to the creative skills of Filipino craftsman. The center of all eyes is the Jeepney, Philippines' own car, decked out

like a bride at the hotel's entrance.

Talking about Filipino food, Kenneth Vella, food and beverage manager of the Riyadh Palace Hotel, said the preparations are labor-intensive as they are seasoned and marinated to tickle the taste buds. The specialties revolve round seafoods since the Filipinos favor a lot of fresh fish, crabs and tender lobsters, he said.

This is the second exhibition, after the one at Dhahran, being sponsored by the Philippine Embassy in concert with Food Terminal Inc., National Food Authority, Gulf Air, Philippine Airlines and the Philippine Manufacturers' group to promote indigenous garments, handicrafts, giftware, food items, shell craft and other products.

Italy imports 20% more oil; exports to Kingdom up 52%

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Italy's oil imports from Saudi Arabia registered a 20 percent increase during the first five months (Jan.-May) of the current year and its exports to the Kingdom were up by 51.7 percent in the same period compared with the trade between the two countries in the corresponding period of the last year, according to the Italian Trade Commissioner Giuseppe Castelli.

He told *Arab News*, Italy imported nearly 35 percent of its oil requirements from Saudi Arabia last year with imports reaching \$6.3 billion of its total oil imports valued at \$18.1 billion from all the countries during 1981.

In the first five months of the current year Italian oil imports from Saudi Arabia have amounted to \$2.73 billion, which is 20 percent higher compared with imports during same period last year.

Against this, Italy's exports to the Kingdom have registered a spectacular rise of 51.7 percent at \$892 million in the first five months of the current year. Major items

which contributed for the increase include transport vehicles, up by 74.5 percent; textiles and readymade garments, up 61.8 percent; machinery and equipment (electrical and non-electrical) up 37.9 percent; foodstuffs, up 35.3 percent; and building material, up 31.1 percent. At the same time steel pipes and cast iron exports declined by 69.9 percent.

Despite this sharp rise in exports, Italy's trade deficit with Saudi Arabia during first five months of the current year was up at \$1.84 billion compared with \$1.68 billion in the same period last year.

"We are taking several steps to bridge the increasing trade gap by further export promotion," said Castelli.

These include exhibitions, missions, exchange of visits by businessmen, participation in exhibitions, invitations to traders to visit Italy and publicity in newspapers and magazines.

"We are working on a promotional program for 1983," said Italian Institute for Foreign Trade official Dr. Mario Carroni.

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YANBU CEREMONIES : New building at Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah is toured by, left to right, Muhsen Al-Nakhi, engineer; Yousef I. Alturki, Yanbu project director-general; Larry Kjoss, principal project manager; Zaki A. Ismail, infrastructure deputy director; and Bill Jacques, resident construction manager.

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Saudi Telephone to go public

DAMMAM, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Saudi Telephone will be changed into a public corporation during the coming Five-Year Development Plan according to statement by Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayal, minister of Posts, Telephone and Telegraph (PTT).

The minister added that studies are already underway to carryout the change, though the institution will be funded by the public officer.

Dr. Kayal said that telephone services are already covering 300 cities and villages throughout the Kingdom out of 450 called for by the current Five-Year Development Plan. The coming 30 months will witness achieving that goal, he said.

Concerning providing telephone services within 24 hours, the minister said that in areas covered by the communication network, the application takes only six hours.

Saudia expecting 747 simulator, intensifies training programs

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Saudia's advanced, six-story training center here will receive a new simulator for 747 aircraft within two months, the center's director Capt. Muhammad Abu Ashi told *Oka* Thursday.

Saudia began its training program 32 years ago, the new center was opened in 1979 by Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation. So far, 427 persons graduated from the center. They include 134 pilots, 226 co-pilots and 67 aeronautical engineers.

At present, the center has simulators for 737 and Tristar 1011 planes. Everything is computerized. This year's trainees total 39.

Another 151 persons are completing their training in the United States. Of those, 63 will return as co-pilots and 88 as flight engineers.

More than 48 percent of Saudia's pilots now are Saudi Arabians while the rate of Saudi Arabians among flight engineers stands at 30 percent. Saudia plans to soon raise the percentage to 100 percent, according to the official.

Man beheaded for committing crime in Baha

BAHA, Dec. 9 (SPA) — A man was beheaded here Thursday for killing another man who prevented him from raping the deceased's niece.

An Interior Ministry statement said Thursday that the murderer, Muhammad Saeed Muaid Al-Dhamir Al-Zahrani, shot dead Sar Bakheet Ahmad Al-Zahrani because the victim prevented him from raping the girl.

Dawa Institute gives graduate courses

DHAHRAN, Dec. 9 (SPA) — A ceremony was held here Wednesday night for a group of government and public corporation employees who attended a special course before going abroad on scholarships.

5,000 students attend 54 Bisha girls' schools

BISHA, Dec. 9 (SPA) — There are 54 girls' schools in Bisha area attended by 5,000 students and administered by a staff of 350. Of these, 46 are primary schools catering for 4,011 students with 279 teachers; while the five intermediate schools accommodate 611 students and are administered by 47 teachers. There are one secondary school and one teacher's training institute which cater for 220 students. Also 56 children are looked after by a kindergarten.

In his opening address, Prince Faisal stressed the importance of confident and conscientious referees in the overall development of football in the country. He said referees should be aware of the great responsibilities they shoulder. Pointing to the ban of foreign referees to arbitrate football matches in local tournaments. Prince Faisal said the decision was based on the "complete confidence we have in our national referees and their abilities."

The Saudi Arabian football association keeps reports by referees on the progress of matches.

"I personally pursue everything related to arbitrating in football matches because of the importance the sport attracts from the Saudi Arabian public," Prince Faisal told participants.

Stressing that referees should be in comfortable financial and psychological conditions. Prince Faisal said he will take responsibility for a study on the situation of referees in cooperation with departments concerned. The study aims at improving their statute and encourage them to be more creative in their line of work.

PRINCE FAISAL IBN FAHD INAGURATES NEW FOOTBALL COURSES

PRINCE FAISAL IBN FAHD INAGURATES NEW FOOTBALL

Sectarian fighting rages in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Rightist Christian and nationalist Druze Muslim militiamen fought fierce duels by artillery and rockets in Lebanon's Israeli-occupied central mountains Thursday for the third straight day in Syrian-controlled northern Lebanon, police reported.

In Beirut, the independent newspaper *Az-Nakir* said U.S. marines would soon expand their peacekeeping duties to include Lebanon's Defense Ministry compound in suburban Yarze, where Lebanese and Israeli soldiers had a brief fire fight on Wednesday. Police said fighting broke out between Christian and Druze warriors at midday (1000GMT) in the central mountain towns of Souk El-Ghurb and Aitaat, about 14 kilometers southeast of Beirut following a wave of gunpoint sectarian abductions.

Arafat predicts 'imminent' battle

KUWAIT, Dec. 9 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted here Thursday as dismissing the option of empowering King Hussein of Jordan to speak with the United States on behalf of the Palestinians.

The newspaper *Al-Rei Al-Aw* also quoted Arafat as predicting an "imminent battle" between PLO Commanders and the Israeli invasion forces in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. "The situation in the Bekaa could explode any moment, in the light of Israel's continued military buildup," Arafat told the paper. He

Massacres unexpected, Begin says

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin reiterated to the judicial commission probing the Beirut massacre that he had no reason to expect a massacre when Israel sent the Lebanese Christian militias into Sabra and Shatila refugee camps last September.

Begin wrote his additional testimony to the commission after he and eight other officials and army generals were warned that the findings of the probe may damage them. It was written Tuesday and made public by the commission Thursday. Foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir, facing a similar warning, wrote to the commission that he was preparing a response but would be out of the country on official business until Dec. 24 and needed additional time.

Brig. Gen. Amos Yaron, commander of Israeli forces in Beirut at the time of the killings, wrote that he was preparing a reply.

Meanwhile, he said in a letter from his lawyer Uri Slosin, he hoped the commission would not act out of hindsight, but in light of "the situation that existed" when the Sept. 16-17 massacre occurred.

U.K. studying Amin plea for troops

LONDON, Dec. 9 (R) — Britain is still considering a Lebanese request for British troops to join the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon, but has heavy military commitments elsewhere, the Foreign Office said Thursday.

Visiting Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Saïf conveyed the request to his British counterpart Francis Pym in London earlier in the day. In a statement after their talks, the Foreign Office said Britain understood the need to expand the joint U.S., French and Italian force to help with the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. But it pointed out the difficulties posed by its military com-

Ghali, Baz visit Beirut, Amman

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali and President Hosni Mubarak's foreign affairs adviser, Osama El-Baz, returned here Thursday after brief visits to Lebanon and Jordan where they had talks on Middle East developments. Both officials declined to make any statement.

The two high-ranking officials visited Amman after a nine-hour stop in Lebanon, the first such visit by senior Egyptian leaders since the late President Anwar Sadat's 1977 peace initiative with Israel.

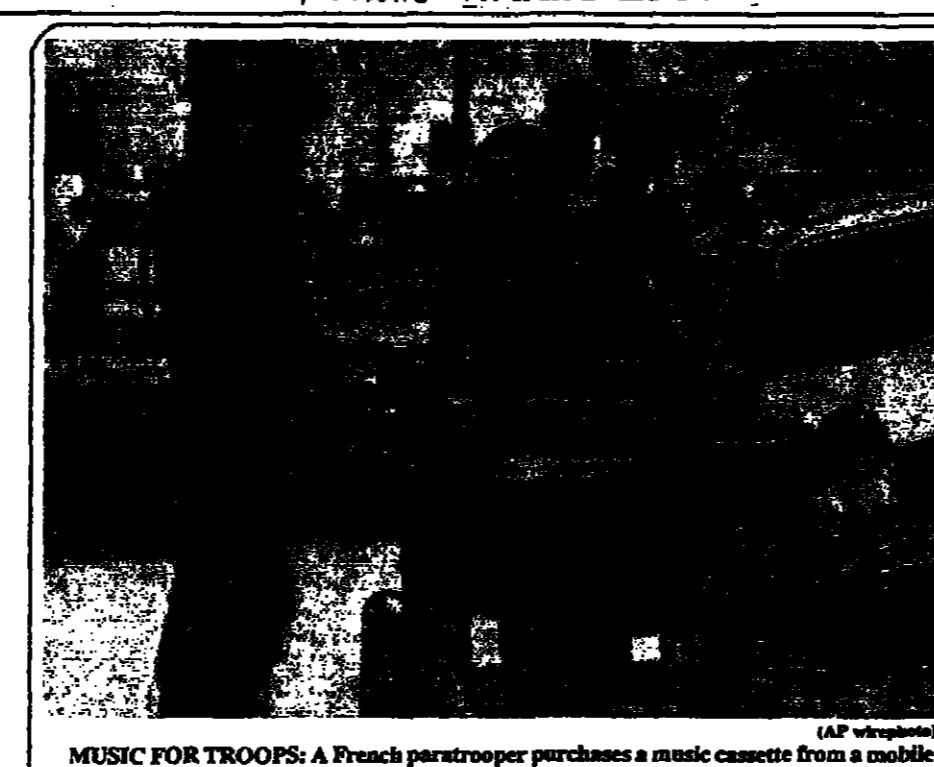
Ghali and El-Baz held talks with Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem concerning Mubarak's attempt to return to the Arab fold, according to Egypt's acting ambassador in Amman, Nabil Bader.

Lebanese newspapers interpreted the surprise visit by the Egyptian delegation to Lebanon as a way of putting pressure on the United States to persuade Israel to withdraw

Meanwhile, four Syrian soldiers were killed and several others wounded Thursday when ambushed by unidentified militiamen near the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli, the scene of non-stop fighting since Tuesday.

Correspondents in the region said the ambush took place three kilometers outside Tripoli and killed four Syrians of the Arab Deterrent Force stationed in Lebanon.

A further 13 persons have been reported killed and 80 more wounded during two days of battles between armed militia in Tripoli, where pro-Syrian and anti-Syrian militia have frequently clashed. Heavy artillery fire, which broke out Tuesday in some sectors of the city of 400,000, spread throughout Tripoli Wednesday. Fighting was reported throughout last night.



MUSIC FOR TROOPS: A French paratrooper purchases a music cassette from a mobile street vendor during a routine patrol in Beirut's Sabra refugee camp recently. Troops of the multinational force — from France, Italy and the United States — patrol Beirut and the devastated refugee camps as the city attempts to return to normal.

New Turkish law to govern political parties getting ready

ANKARA, Dec. 9 (AP) — A new law, to govern political parties, taking shape in a special committee of Turkey's Consultative Assembly, would seek to prevent tight control of the rank and file by a small group of party leaders, authoritative sources reported Wednesday.

The new law will pass the assembly and be submitted to the ruling National Security Council of Turkey's five top generals in the first week of January, the semi-official Anatolian agency reported. The drafting of new party and election laws is the second phase in the timetable of Turkey's military rulers to return this NATO-member nation to civilian rule with general elections to be held in October 1983.

The first phase was completed when a new constitution won overwhelming public approval in a national referendum Nov. 7. In order to prevent excesses of the past, bloody political terrorism perpetrated by radical leftist and rightist gangs and parliamentary paralysis, the generals brought restrictions on political party activity in the new constitution.

Radical parties, advocating Marxist, fascist

Israel, Honduras sign arms pact

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 9 (AP) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon Wednesday signed a military assistance pact with Honduras that includes a donation of weapons and provides for the sale of "numerous armaments," a high government official said.

The source, who asked not to be identified, described Sharon's visit as "successful" but refused to give details of the arms agreement. "We don't want Nicaragua to react violently as it has on previous occasions for lesser causes," he said.

Mubarak to meet Shultz next week

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak will meet U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz next week during a stopover in Rome while enroute to West Germany for a two-day visit, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported Thursday.

It said the two men will discuss the latest developments in the Middle East but gave no specific subject. Shultz is currently in West Germany as part of a European tour. Mubarak is scheduled to visit Bonn Dec. 13 and 14 for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher on Middle East issues and bilateral relations.



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Create Palestine state, 14 neutral nations urge

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (R) — Fourteen nonaligned countries Thursday urged the Security Council to adopt measures promoting the creation of an independent Palestinian Arab state.

They submitted their proposal in a draft resolution to the General Assembly as the 157-nation body, now debating the Middle East situation, heard more and more expressions of support for the concept of Palestinian statehood. The concept is opposed by Israel and the United States, which has the power of veto in the 15-national Security Council. The council is not obliged to act on a General Assembly recommendation, but a council debate on the proposal was not excluded.

Bolivia allows PLO to open office

LA PAZ, Dec. 9 (R) — Bolivia's left-wing government has agreed to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) opening an office at a level to be defined shortly, an interior ministry statement said.

The statement was issued Wednesday night following a meeting between PLO representatives and President Hernan Siles Zavala. "Bolivia recognizes the PLO as the

only legitimate representative of the Palestine people," the statement said. It did not set any date for the opening of the PLO office and said its status would be defined with a protocol which would be signed shortly.

Elsewhere in Latin America, the PLO has official representation in Cuba, Nicaragua, and Ecuador.

Under Thursday's draft resolution, the Security Council would be asked to "discharge its responsibilities under the charter and recognize the inalienable rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including the right to self-determination and the right to establish its independent Arab states in Palestine."

Afghanistan admits 37 bomb deaths

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Afghanistan acknowledged Thursday that 37 persons were killed by rebel bomb attacks in Kabul last month. State-run Radio Kabul said the deaths occurred in nearly simultaneous blasts at several restaurants in Kabul's Shahr-e Nau area and in a later attack at a market. The radio said those responsible had been arrested.

Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad

previously reported that more than 20 persons were killed in four explosions at three restaurants Nov. 11. The restaurants were frequented by Afghan secret police and members of the Parcham (flag) faction of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), the sources said. Radio Kabul also said five persons were killed and 32 wounded in two bomb blasts Nov. 24 in a market.

Pakistan opposition leader detained

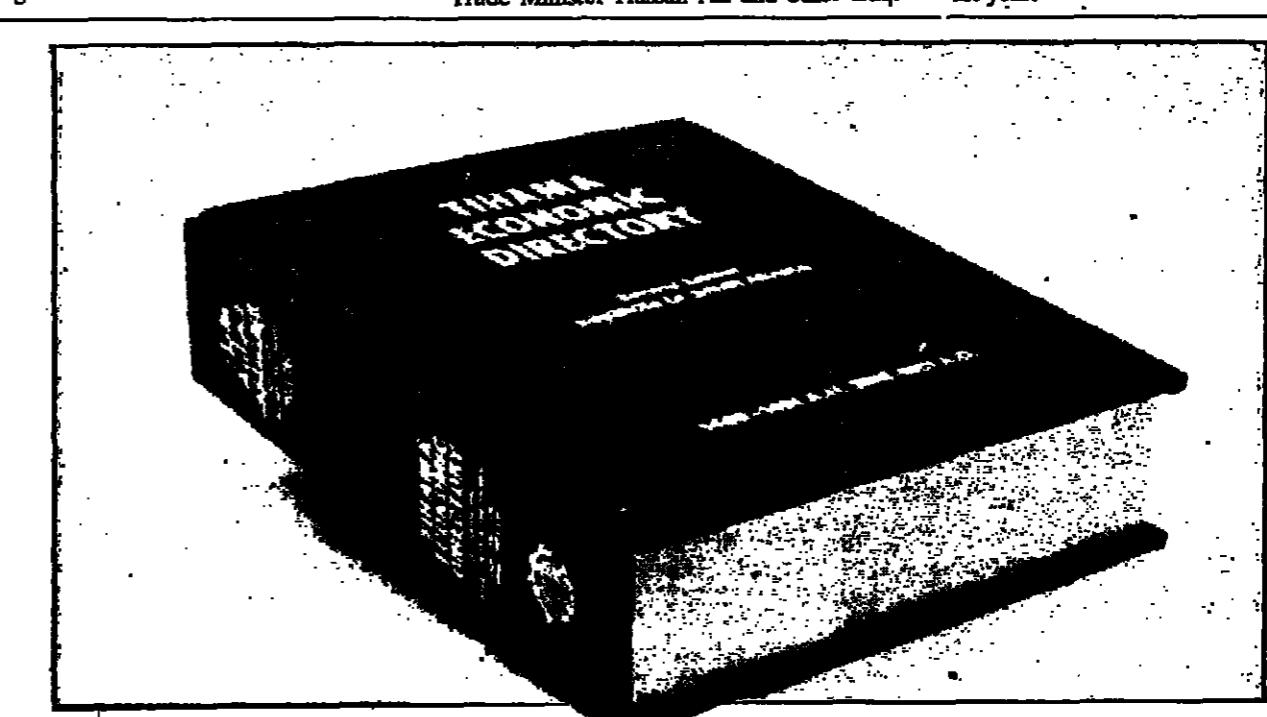
KARACHI, Dec. 9 (R) — Pakistani authorities have arrested opposition politician Fateh-y Ali Khan and ordered him detained for 30 days, family sources said Thursday.

They said Khan, leader of the Mazdoor Kisan (labor and farmers) Party, was picked up by police at his home here and taken to Karachi Central Jail. The Mazdoor Kisan Party is a member of the movement for

S. Korea, Iraq to hold trade talks

SEOUL, Dec. 9 (AFP) — South Korean Deputy Prime Minister Kim Joon-Sung will make an official eight-day visit to Iraq, beginning Saturday, at the invitation of Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali, the Economic Planning Board (EPB) said Thursday.

Kim, concurrently the EPB minister, is due to hold talks with President Saddam Hussein, Trade Minister Hassan Ali and other Iraqi



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More Cuban troops in Angola reported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Cuba is believed to have sent an additional 10,000 troops to Angola in recent months, raising the total to 30,000, according to Central Intelligence Agency estimates.

U.S. officials, speaking Wednesday night on condition they not be identified, said the reported increase may have been related to



Smith vows to stay on

SHURUGWI, Zimbabwe, Dec. 9 (AP) — Former Rhodesian prime minister, target of a passport seizure and three police searches of his homes, declared Wednesday Zimbabwe Premier Robert Mugabe's avowed policy of reconciliation between the 170,000 whites and 7.2 million blacks was "finished."

Ian Smith, 63, who was leader of the white-ruled British colony 1964-78, also vowed that he would never quit the territory despite "harassment" by officials for allegedly criticizing the track record of Mugabe's government since independence as black-governed Zimbabwe April 18, 1980.

"I have no intention of leaving and I will continue to urge whites to stay in the country," Smith said. "But I believe Mugabe's policy of reconciliation is finished." Mugabe pledged reconciliation at independence after waging a seven-year guerrilla war to end nine decades of white minority rule.

In the last two weeks Smith has been twice detained and questioned by police for alleged anti-government activities. His ranch house at Shurugwi in the Zimbabwe midlands and town house in the fashionable Harare suburb of Belgrave have been searched. And papers seized. His passport has been confiscated.

"I don't understand why they must constantly harass me," Smith told the three foreign journalists in an interview at his Glenro road ranch 266 kilometers south of Harare Wednesday. "But if they think I have committed a crime they should take me to court."

Smith is under fire from state-controlled newspapers, radio and television for allegedly telling American journalists on a recent visit to the United States that the West should halt all aid and investment to Zimbabwe because it was heading for a one-party Marxist dictatorship.

The Washington Times newspaper, in fact, quoted Smith as saying that the West should step up aid and investment to Zimbabwe to prevent it becoming a Marxist state.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about," said Smith. "I would dearly like to leave politics and retire to my ranch here but whites recognize me as their leader and insist I stay where I am. I would be betraying them if I quit."

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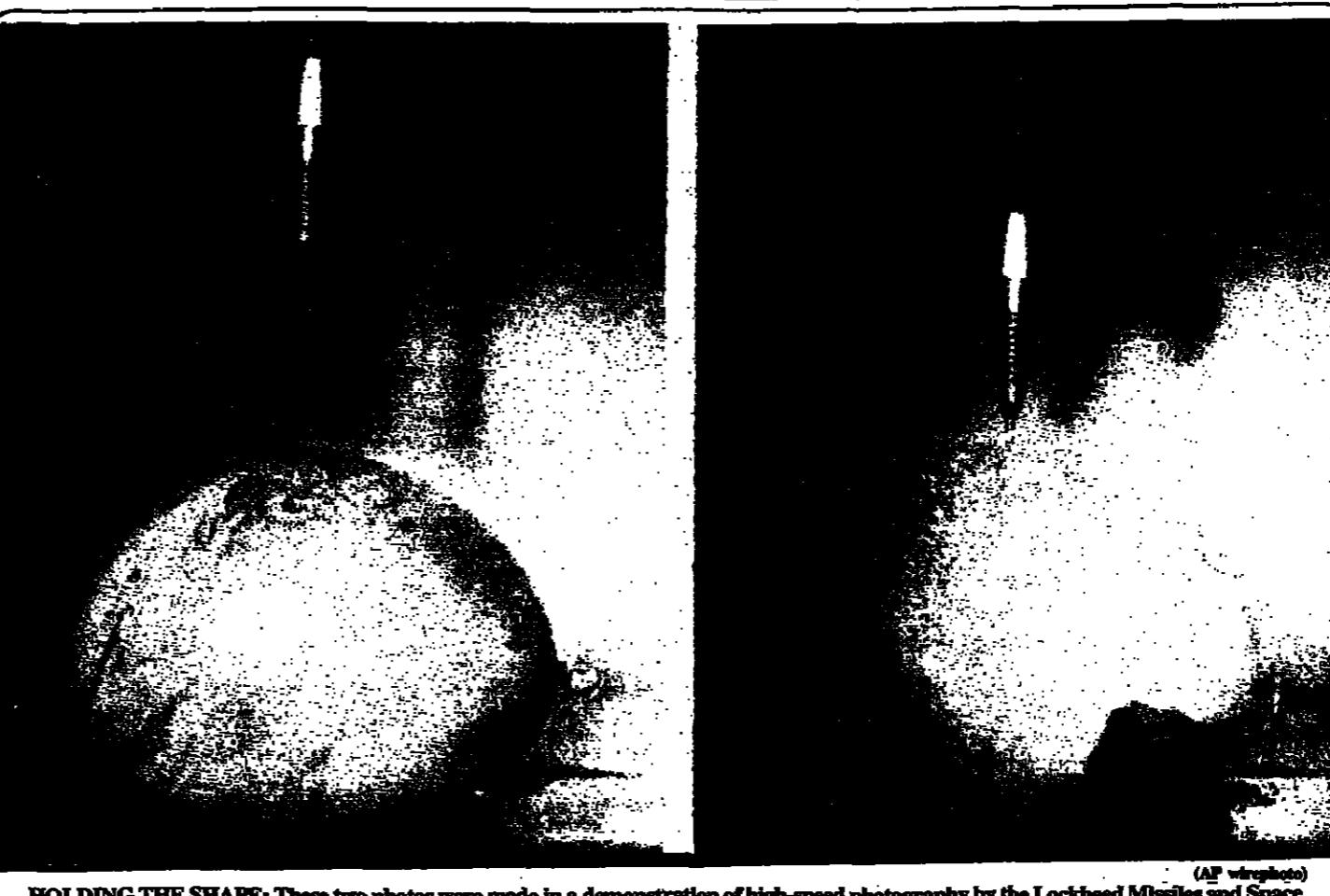
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U.S., U.K. fans pay homage to Lennon

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Dozens of people gathered Wednesday outside the Dakota, the west side apartment building where John Lennon was shot to death two years ago, to pay homage to the memory of the ex-Beatle with black candles, banners and songs.

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, marked the second anniversary of her husband's murder by releasing a video tape offering thanks "for all the love and praise sent to us."

Ono and her 7-year-old son, Sean, still live in the Dakota, where Lennon fans gathered Wednesday for their vigil. Police kept them across the street from the century-old building that overlooks central park.

Portable stereos blared songs written by Lennon. Banners read "peace and love," there were a few elderly people in the crowd, and a few punk-style youngsters clad in leather jackets, but most of the people appeared to be from the '60s generation.

"If you had to name the person that had more influence in my lifetime, to people in

their late 20s and early 30s, John Lennon would be the one," said Tony Lupica, 31, who held a black candle.

"John was the epitome of the '60s," Lupica said. "In the '60s there were images. There are very few left."

Lennon was gunned down as he and Miss Ono arrived at the Dakota on Dec. 8, 1980, after an evening recording session. Mark David Chapman was arrested and later convicted of the shooting.

Miss Ono's videotape, sent to the ABC-TV News and talk show "The Last Word," was her first televised appearance since Barbara Walters interviewed her one year ago.

"We'd like to say 'thank you' for all the love and praise sent to us, which helped us through the hard times, and thank you for loving John," she said. "Let's have a good year and we love you."

In a related development, Lennon's fans in his native city of Liverpool, England, paid homage to his memory Wednesday.

Richie's Truly stays on top

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Lionel Richie stayed on for a second week at the top of the U.S. single pop record charts with his hit "Truly."

"Maneater" by Daryl Hall and John Oates moved up one notch to second place in the *Cashbox* magazine chart, and Toni Basil's "Mickey" soared to third from seventh a week ago. Last week's No. 2 hit, Laura Branigan's "Gloria", slipped to seventh position.

In the country and Western singles field, "You and I" an Eddie-Crystal Gayle duet, took over No. 1 spot in the *Cashbox* magazine chart. "Somewhere Between Right and Wrong" by Early Thomas Conley was second, and "Sure Feels Like Love" by Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band was third.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Truly-Lionel Richie
2. (3) Maneater — Daryl Hall and John Oates
3. (7) Mickey — Toni Basil
4. (5) The Girl Is Mine — Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney
5. (6) Steppin' Out — Joe Jackson
6. (8) Dirty Laundry — Don Henley
7. (2) Gloria — Laura Branigan
8. (9) Muscles — Diana Ross
9. (10) It's Raining Again — Supertramp
10. (12) Healing — Marvin Gaye

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) You and I — Eddie Rabbitt and Crystal Gayle

French aid minister replaced

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AP) — The French government has carried out a limited cabinet reshuffle, replacing Development Aid Minister Pierre Cot, 45, with Christian Nucci, 43, former commissioner for the French overseas territory of New Caledonia.

Cot's replacement had been expected as rumors surfaced Tuesday that he had submitted his resignation following disagreements on France's African policy. He made no statement Wednesday after a 45-minute meeting with President Francois Mitterrand.

Appointed in May 1981, Cot had wanted to extend the activities of his ministry to the entire Third World rather than simply to those 25 African states already linked to France in cooperation agreements. With France's African partners, moreover, Cot had sought less "paternalistic" relations.

His plans were endorsed last June by President Mitterrand but ran into opposition from the African specialist in the presidency, led by Gus Penne and Mitterrand's son, Jean-Christophe.

Firmly committed to human rights, Cot

was thought to have been annoyed by Penne's presence in Libreville, Gabon last month when Gabonese authorities were imposing prison terms on their political opponents that in some cases amounted to 20 years.

He was also opposed to the government's plan to sell a second nuclear reactor to South Africa. Wednesday's move was therefore seen as an attempt to make French African policy more coherent. Significantly, Nucci's department was enlarged and given the title of "cooperation and development".

The expanded mandate seems to indicate that Cot's suggestions of broadening the scope of the ministry have been respected.

In another move, Daniel Benoit, 74, deputy mayor of the city of Nevers south of Paris, was appointed secretary of state in the Social Affairs Ministry in charge of elderly issues. He takes up a job left vacant by the appointment last August of Joseph Franceschi to a new post responsible for public security.

The Tory rebels said they were giving a warning to Home Secretary William Whitelaw, whom they accused of breaking a government-election manifesto pledge to cut immigration. And they said that up to 30 will vote against the government next week — probably Wednesday — when the rules come up for approval.

U.S. House set to debate immigration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives' Rules Committee cleared the way Wednesday for what promises to be a lengthy, emotional House debate in the waning days of the current lame duck session on a bill to overhaul the United States' immigration laws.

By voice vote, the committee adopted a rule governing House consideration of the measure that will allow for practically unlimited debate.

Representative Romano Mazzoli, Republican-Kentucky, chief sponsor of the massive bill which is supported by the Reagan administration, said he hoped the House could begin to act on the measure Friday and complete action by next Tuesday. But Richard Bolling, Democrat-Missouri, chairman of the rules committee, told Mazzoli "I think you're going to have real trouble."

The rules committee itself required two days to hear all the members of Congress who wanted to testify on parliamentary procedure governing the bill. Many either said they were opposed to consideration of the legislation by the lame duck Congress or asked for unlimited debate that could prove to be a device for killing the bill this year.

Virtually the only structure placed on House members by the rules committee in debating the measure on the floor is that they submit proposed amendments in writing in advance.

The bill would establish fines and jail terms for employers who hire illegal immigrants and would also grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens who have been living in this country for several years.

The Senate passed a substantially similar bill by the surprisingly wide margin of 80-19 last August. But since then controversy has intensified as various interest groups have pressured their forces to defeat it or change it.

Representative Edward Roybal, testified Wednesday that members of the Hispanic Caucus in the House intend to offer 75 amendments to the legislation.

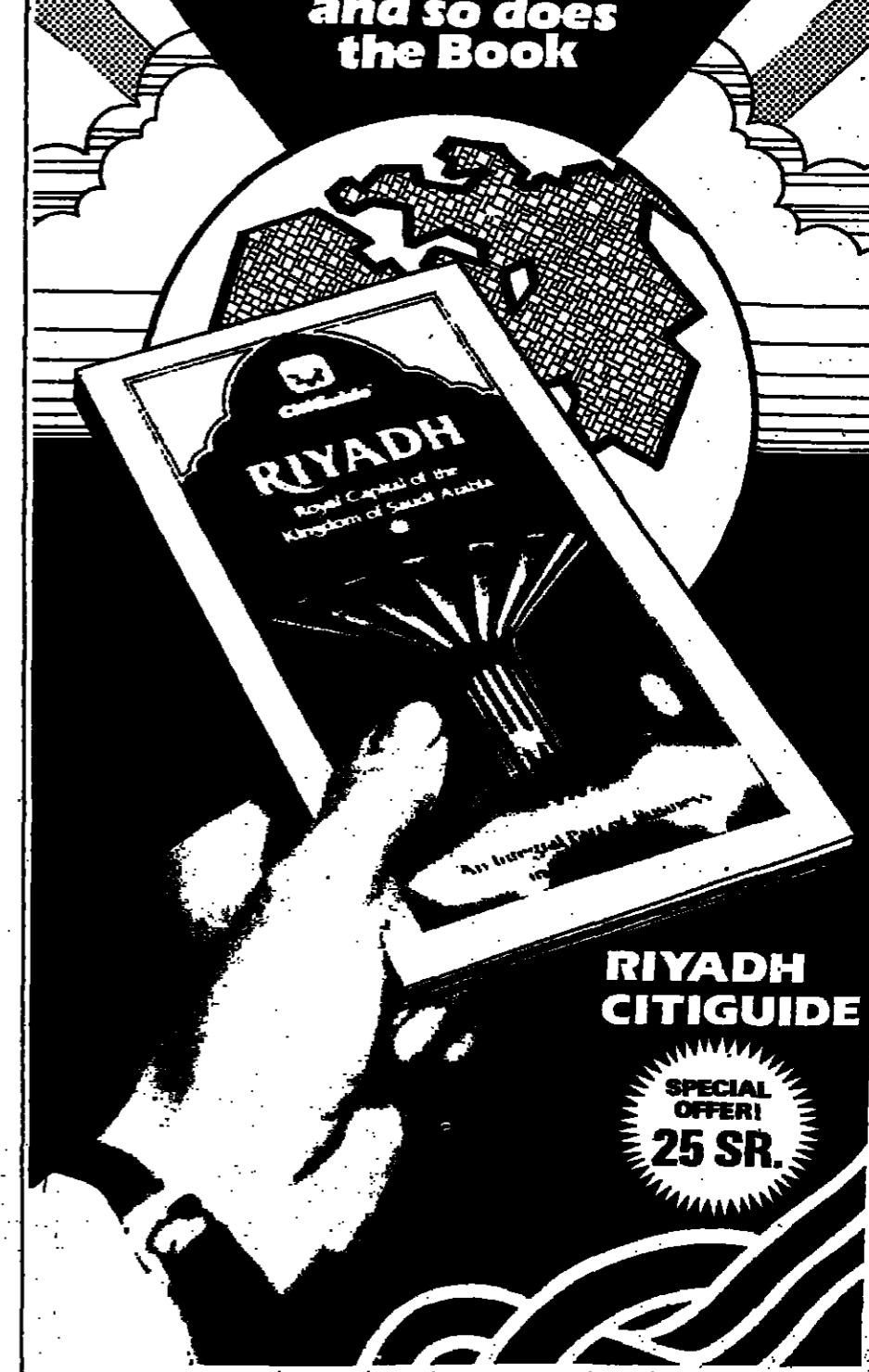
Hispanic groups are lobbying to kill the measure because they say its chief effect would be to discriminate against job applicants who appear to be foreign-born. They argue that employers will automatically refuse to hire Hispanics for fear they might have entered the country illegally.

Opponents of amnesty are also vowing to press for elimination of that feature of the bill. Many have said that with unemployment at 10.8 percent now is no time to make it easier for illegal aliens to compete for jobs.

Representative James H. Scheuer, said granting legal status to those who are here illegally will encourage future illegal immigration. "It's a time bomb," he said. "We're talking about a billion people out there virtually all of whom will give their right arm to come to the United States."

Scheuer said Congress should postpone granting amnesty until the government can prove it can prevent wholesale illegal immigration.

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Due to weak demand, over supply

Spot oil prices decline sharply

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9 (R) — Weak demand and abundant oil supplies have caused a sharp fall in spot oil prices in the last month, European traders said Thursday.

"OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) will have to come up with something pretty special when it meets next week in Vienna if it wants to halt the fall in prices," one leading trader said.

The latest fall took the price of crude oil to its lowest level since last April when it fell due to a seasonal dip in demand which occurs during the Northern Hemisphere spring.

OPEC's benchmark light crude traded Wednesday at close to \$29 a barrel, more than \$3 lower than a month ago and well below its official \$34 price.

Spot crude from Britain's North Sea Brent field, officially priced at \$33.50 was traded at below \$30 a barrel at the start of this from a

high of \$34 early last month.

Although only a small portion of the world's oil is traded on the free spot market, mainly centred in Europe, the market acts as a barometer of prices as well as of supply and demand.

Some oil market analysts found the slump in prices remarkable as it happened during the northwest European winter when demand for heating oil traditionally picks up.

The fall has also taken place despite widespread trade reports that end-users, having lived from their stocks of stored oil, would begin to re-fill their storage tanks in the last weeks of the year.

Prospects for the meeting scheduled for Dec. 19 caused market nervousness this week, but few traders actually believed it would produce an outcome which would move prices.

EEC budget parleys fail

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Three high Common Market officials held an emergency, closed-doors meeting Wednesday night to try to defuse a new crisis affecting the EEC budget, but participants failed to find a solution, reliable sources reported here.

The officials were European Parliament president Piet Dankert, EEC Commission head Gaston Thorn, and Uffe Eilenmann-Jensen, head of the EEC council.

They were discussing a conflict that, according to an official communiqué issued earlier about the EEC budget as a whole, threatens the European Community itself.

The crisis has arisen from the refusal of the European Parliament's budget committee to approve — on the conditions sets by the European council — the reduction of the British contribution to the EEC budget by 850 million European currency units (about \$800 million).

Sino-Japanese trade set at \$9b

PEKING, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Sino-Japanese trade is likely to total some \$9 billion this year, a drop of 13 percent on last year, a Japanese trade official told New China News Agency Thursday.

Telji Higihara, vice-chairman of the Japanese International Trade Association, said a figure of \$10 billion could be expected for 1984, as further contracts were buttoned up.

The \$10 billion all-time high was attained last year, but the 1983 total would probably be smaller, Higihara indicated.

Japan is China's leading trade partner. Two-way business has soared ten-fold since 1972 when Japan established diplomatic relations with China.

U.S. seen bowing to sea law

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 9 (AP) — Elliott K. Richardson, former head of the U.S. delegation to the law of the sea conference, said he believes the United States will eventually have to sign the new law of the sea treaty.

Richardson, who was removed from the U.S. delegation by President Ronald Reagan when he decided to change U.S. law of the sea policy, said Reagan's decision not to sign the treaty was "not a very practical position."

He also said it was unlikely the United States would succeed in convincing other industrialized nations to join it in mining the oceans' seabed outside the treaty umbrella. Richardson spoke to reporters shortly after arriving here by invitation of Tommy Thong Kee Koh, president of the conference.

Richardson said U.S. investors would be reluctant to invest in any mining outside the treaty because of risks "better than 50-50" that the international court of law would declare such mining illegal.

"I do not believe there is a single U.S.

U.S., Algeria to cement ties

ALGIERS, Dec. 9 (AP) — The warm welcome given an American trade delegation headed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige is a "positive step" toward improving political and commercial relations with Algeria, Baldrige said at the end of a three-day visit.

Baldrige made clear the Reagan administration's desire to improve significantly political relations with that north African country in two news conferences during the visit. He said the United States wants to make as many friends in the region as possible and noted that the trade mission is only "one of a series of steps which has already started toward improving those relations."

And I might add that improved trade and commerce is one of the best ways in my opinion to keep that relationship growing."

"End-users are quite happy to rule out the risk of possible shocks or supply disruptions and live from hand-to-mouth. One thing they're sure about is there will be no shortage of oil," one crude oil broker said.

Spot prices of important oil products have also fallen sharply in the past weeks with West European gas oil quoted at around \$290 a ton Thursday, around \$20 lower than in late October.

Meanwhile, Nigerian oil output slipped slightly in November to just under 1.4 million barrels per day (bpd) from about 1.5 million bpd in October.

December production would probably be again around 1.4 million bpd, industry sources said, and there was no sign that the government was cutting back to ensure that it would remain within the OPEC-set ceiling of 1.3 million bpd.

Prospects for the meeting scheduled for Dec. 19 caused market nervousness this week, but few traders actually believed it would produce an outcome which would move prices.

FCC rules to end AT&T monopoly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Declaring that the international communication market could benefit from competition, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission voted Wednesday to dissolve two 18-year-old monopolies.

The commission unanimously voted to allow the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. to enter the so-called international record market, offering telex, telegraph or special data transmission services to overseas points.

At the same time, it authorized the companies that now specialize in telex service to begin competing with AT & T for international telephone traffic.

Several firms were immediately authorized Wednesday to begin leasing private business telephone circuits, and FCC officials said they expected the companies to eventually compete with AT & T for regular overseas telephone calls dialed by consumers.

The companies that now provide international telegraph, telex or teletypewriter and data services to overseas points include the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., RCA Global Communications, the Western Union Telegraph Co., FTC Communications Inc., TRT Telecommunications Corp., and Western Union International Inc.

Zimbabwe dollar devalued by 20%

HARARE, Dec. 9 (R) — Finance and Economic Development Minister Bernard Chidzero Thursday ushered in an era of austerity for Zimbabwe, marking a final break with the euphoria created by independence only 32 months ago.

Speaking after devaluing its dollar by 20 percent against all currencies Wednesday night, he told reporters Thursday that Zimbabweans must tighten their belts and face up to a world dominated by recession.

Devaluation would be backed up by measures which would "involve an appreciation by Zimbabweans of economic reality," he said. They had to curb their demands for higher wages, more goods and better services." We must be Spartans," he declared.

The first two years of independence produced a boom with growth averaging 12 percent a year, but the world slump finally hit home, creating a balance of payments crisis and chronic shortages of foreign exchange.

Canada to lend Egypt \$10 million

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (R) — Canada will lend Egypt 12.5 million Canadian dollars (\$10 million) to help finance construction of a thermal power station north of Cairo.

Under an agreement signed here Wednesday the interest-free loan would be repaid over 40 years with a 10-year grace period.

The agreement, signed by Dr. Wagih Shindhi, Egyptian minister of investment and international cooperation, and Canadian Ambassador Robert Elliott, also provided an additional 7.5 Canadian dollar (about \$6 million) grant to cover administrative cost of the \$260 million station.

Officials said another 55.2 million Canadian dollar (\$44 million) loan would be provided by Canada shortly to help complete the project.

China aims at 'socialism of riches'

PEKING, Dec. 9 (AP) — China began outlining some of the major changes its workers and industrial managers may face in efforts to shift from a "socialism of poverty" to a "socialism of riches."

While the ultimate aim is riches, some of the changes seemed likely to run into resistance.

For workers, they are aimed at abolishing the "iron rice bowl," a secure job that makes only limited demands on them, and at promoting according to merit rather than seniority.

For managers, intended price changes would force them to improve performance in industries where unreasonably high prices now serve them as easy profits.

Labor Minister Zhao Shouyi, in a nearly full-page article in the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily*, wrote of efforts to employ more people in employee-owned collectives rather than big state-owned enterprises. "The road of developing small collectives is the road to reforming the labor system," he said.

Zhao warned those who look down on or attack collectives or privately run businesses that they are violating current Communist party policy.

Previously, in line with the late chairman Mao Tse-Tung's impatience in his later years to leap to communism, the tendency was to bigger enterprises, greater public ownership and equal pay for all regardless of how well they worked. Private businessmen were denounced as capitalist.

The current leadership of Deng Xiaoping has said this eliminated many small services needed by the people, reduced avenues for employment and failed to produce much hard work.

Zhao said many people regard working for collectives as dangerous because these firms are responsible for their own profits and losses, without the state to rescue them, and pay according to actual work done.

But he said, these are exactly the features that make them more productive. "Seeking to stay in a vault holding an 'iron rice bowl' and 'eating from the big pot' (equal pay for all) is running in the opposite direction from the superiority of the socialist system," Zhao said. "If you want to say this too is socialism, then it is the socialism of poverty and not the socialism of riches," he said.

Martial law fails to push Polish economy

WARSAW, Dec. 9 (AP) — Despite official reports of upward trends in mining, production and housing, Poland's economy has shown little sign of major recovery after one year of martial law.

Economic stagnation, stirred up only by massive improvement in coal production, is in fact seen by some Western observers as a major factor in the political decision to lift martial law, which could happen by the end of this month.

"Poland's economy is very much Western-oriented," a Polish journalist who specializes in economic matters said. "It needs new Western credits and spare parts. That is one reason for lifting martial law."

Communist Party leaders and government officials had said repeatedly that Western economic credit sanctions imposed after the crackdown began last Dec. 13 would be overcome through greater assistance from the Soviet Union.

Their claim that Poland can and will solve its economic crisis, with or without Western help is based on new projections that Poland will suffer only a 1-to-2 percent decline in production this year, instead of the 14 percent drop predicted by some last December.

But Western diplomats view this as a hollow victory, noting that despite the numerical rise in coal production, improvement per man hour has lagged behind.

"There's been no real change over last year," one Western diplomat commented. "This is an astounding fact when you take such a key industry as coal production and listen to the authorities blame strikes last year for the 1981 figures."

In fact, when you look at man hours, production could probably be lower," the diplomat said. "There is no sector in the economy that shows a real improvement, which is a real basic improvement in production per man hour."

The question of production efficiency is central to the debate over martial law's impact on the economy. Officials say "militarization" or enforcing strict work discipline in mines, ports and many enterprises, was responsible for "peaceful work" and improved production.

Some Western diplomats, however, argued that martial law had a negative effect on the economy because as one put it, "it clearly can bring no improvement, or solutions to any of the problems that were the root of last year's unrest."

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.E. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — The dollar continued to hold onto its recent gains, with the Japanese yen and German mark losing some more ground Thursday. The money markets are suddenly switching track and focusing on short-term dollar interest rate considerations, specifically on whether the Federal Reserve Board would go ahead and cut its discount rate or not. In the meantime, Eurodollar deposit rates have begun to inch upward by about 1/16 percent to take the one-month rate to 9 - 9 1/4 percent levels, but with little difference between the shorter and longer end of the markets.

The British pound fell back in Europe to 1.6165 levels after the Bank of England indicated that it would not like to see any further rises in the U.K.'s commercial bank's base lending rates. The German mark fell to 2.4470 levels while the Swiss franc was also weaker at 2.0890 from 2.0760 on the Wednesday night New York bourses. The French franc was still under pressure at 6.9380 (from 6.9170 on Wednesday) while the Japanese yen was relatively unchanged at 244.10 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	438.00
Paris	442.56
Frankfurt	444.02
Zurich	439.50
Hong Kong	438.44

MIAMI, Dec. 9 (R) — Pro-Western Caribbean leaders generally seem agreed that President Ronald Reagan's aid and trade package for their region offers the best available hope of economic salvation. Now they must wait to hear if Congress will approve it.

All but one of six leaders who spoke at a conference here this week and others who attended closed-door session gave Reagan good marks for his Caribbean Basin Initiative.

Bush and other administration officials, together with most of the Caribbean leaders present, agreed that this was the essential part of the Caribbean Basin Initiative in that it would bolster long-term development efforts.

The legislation is under fire from U.S. vested interests who have tried, with some success, to remove products like textiles, and shoes from the duty-free access of the policy's proposed one-way free trade zone.

The delay has left Congress with only a few days during the current "lame duck" session to approve the bill. If it does not, the administration will have to re-present the whole package to the new session of Congress which convenes in mid-January.

Meanwhile, speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. predicted that the trade and tax portions of Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative will be defeated if they reach the house floor.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — French steel output dropped 11.7 percent in the first 11 months of this year to 17,260,000 tons, compared with the same period in 1981, and casting output was down 11.5 percent to 14,079,000 tons, industry figures show. In November steel production was 15.5 percent down to 1,393,000 tons, compared with the previous November, and castings down 15.2 percent to 1,129,000 tons.

BONN, (AFP) — The West German engineering group M.A.N. announced plans to lay off 1,900 workers in the first half of

1983. Part-time working is also planned for 15,000 of the 44,500 staff to the extent of four to 10 days monthly up to July.

LONDON, (AFP) — New car sales in Britain were up 10.7 percent in November compared with a year earlier at 116,320, trade figures show. For the first 11 months of the year, sales were 1,490,728, up 4.36 percent. Imports accounted for 57 percent in November and 57.8 percent in the first 11 months. West German Ford and Belgian General Motors did similarly well.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Textile imports from South Korea will be restricted unilaterally from Jan. 1 by the European Economic Community (EEC), the EEC commission said Thursday unless a bilateral agreement is concluded by then. South Korea is a major supplier and talks here on a bilateral deal covering the period 1983-86 were suspended, Monday, with South Korea rejecting EEC proposals on an anti-fraud clause.

PARIS, — Algeria announced new exchange rates for the dinar against the dollar and other major currencies which amounted to a 14.89 percent devaluation against the U.S. unit. The official Algerian news agency, APS, said the new rate for the dollar was 4.70 dinars compared with four previously. It gave no reasons for the changes.

BUENOS AIRES, (AFP) — The Soviet Union and Argentina may sign an agreement this week for a Moscow-Buenos Aires air service operated by Aeroflot and Aerolineas Argentinas, a negotiator said here Thursday. Talks were in progress here with an Aeroflot delegation due to leave this weekend.

NEW DELHI, (R) — The Reserve Bank of India announced an upward revision of the rupee against sterling to 6.3857/6.3532 per 100 rupees from 6.3452/6.3131, effective immediately.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:15 p.m. Thursday		Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135	14.18
Bangladesh Taka	14.45	14.55	14.55
Belgian Franc (1,000)	72.15	72.25	72.25
Canadian Dollar	278.50	278.50	278.50
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ARMS FOR OPPRESSION

Israel's Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who, according to United States government and press, represents 'an oasis of democracy' in the Middle East, has just concluded a visit to Honduras in Central America. He did not go there to spread the merits of democratic freedoms and the parliamentary system of government to that dictatorship.

He was there to 'donate' arms and clinch a deal for the sale of advanced armaments to the government to help it tighten the noose around the necks of the majority of the population. He termed his visit 'successful' which means that he had obtained approval of his offer to increase tension in an area already enmeshed in civil wars and threatened with inter-state conflicts.

Israel used to supply arms to the despot of Nicaragua, Anastasio Somoza, one of the region's most unrepentant tyrants and feudalists until his downfall at the hands of the Sandinistas who preferred to have relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel continues to sell arms to other suppressive regimes in Central and South America to make money for its wars in the Middle East and save Washington the embarrassment of covertly supplying these regimes with arms.

Thus, Central and South American dictatorial dynasties will be assured of longer life spans and their peoples of harsher treatment. So much for the U.S.-supported 'oasis of democracy' in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Arab peace plan adopted at the Arab Fez summit to resolve the Middle East conflict provides a golden chance to the United Nations to recover its influence and prestige, *Al-Jazeerah* commented Thursday.

Referring to the U.N. General Assembly deliberations over several resolutions relating to the Middle East, the paper said it was a "good opportunity for the U.N. to take once again the reins of the Middle East instead of other parties efforts to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict and the best means to do so is to adopt the Arab peace plan." The paper noted any new U.N. resolution on the Palestinian people's rights would be "useless unless the organization is able to implement its resolutions."

It said the organization was not in need of deliberations or talks but what it needed was "action and determination to implement its resolutions."

Al-Bilad said the outcome of an Arab League delegation's visits to Moscow and Peking was "another big achievement of Arab negotiators following their successful talks with American and French leaders in Washington and Paris."

Okaz deplored "the inability of the big powers to honor their

promises and words on Arab and Muslim problems." The paper noted that world peace and security depended on a just solution of the Arab-Israel conflict.

Commenting on recent clashes in Lebanon, *Al-Jazeerah* called on the Lebanese people to "draw a lesson from the eight-year-old civil war and strive to come out of this ordeal." It urged them to form a strong national government to "reestablish the country's independence and ensure peace and stability in the country."

The paper warned that faction fighting would not cease in Lebanon as long as there was armed militias at large which it said only considered their leaders' interests and completely ignored the country's vital interests.

The paper said Israel would not tolerate a strong government in Lebanon and accused it of attempting to prolong its occupation of the country by lame excuses.

Al-Madina said clashes between Israeli and Lebanese troops Wednesday night was a "dangerous development in view of Israel's intentions to stay as long as it could in Lebanon." It called on Arab and friendly countries to "stand beside Lebanon in its ordeal."

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For

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent

Alif. Lam. Ra. This is a Scripture with verses which have been set out with perfection and then expounded in detail, bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware. Worship none but Allah. I come to you from Him as a Warner and a bearer of glad tidings. Seek forgiveness of your Lord and then turn toward Him in repentence. He will grant you a goodly enjoyment of life (in this world) until a time appointed. He will grant everyone with merit a full reward for his merit. But if you turn away, then, I, indeed, dread for you the suffering of a great day. To Allah you shall all return, and He is able to do all things.

(Houd 11; 1-4)

The message spelled out

These few verses of the opening of surah Houd set out the main fundamental principles of faith: revelation and the divine message; no one to be worshipped or served but Allah alone; Allah's reward in this life and in the hereafter to those who follow His guidance and implement His way of life; His punishment in the hereafter of those who disbelieve, and the return of everyone to Allah; His absolute power and limitless authority.

Alif. Lam. Ra." These words stand for the letters A, L, R. Like other single letters which occur at the beginning of othersurahs they set a challenge to the disbelievers. The challenge is that Allah's book is composed of such letters as people use in their speech and writing, but no matter how they try, they will not be able to produce anything similar to it. The three letters constitute the subject of the first sentence, while the rest of the first verse is the predicate.

'This is a Scripture with verses which have been set out with perfection and then expounded in detail, bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware.' The Arabic term which is rendered here in translation by the phrase "set out with perfection" also denotes firmness of structure and precision of meaning. Every word, every phrase is used carefully to give exactly the required meaning. There is no conflict or contradiction between them and they are well expounded. Each is used in the proper place, under the proper heading, in order to give the proper meaning.

Obviously the one who has so structured them firmly, and expounded them precisely, is not the messenger; he is Allah: '*bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware.*' His wisdom helps set their firm structure. And His comprehensive knowledge helps provide their details with clarity.

These verses contain the fundamental principles of faith: '*Worship none but Allah*' signifies that man should submit himself only to Allah, and obey none but Him. '*I come to you from Him as a Warner and a bearer of glad tidings.*' This refers to the message and the warnings and the glad-

tidings it contains.

'Seek forgiveness of your Lord and then turn toward Him in repentence.' Whatever one commits, it must be followed by a return to Allah and submission to Him. '*He will grant you a goodly enjoyment of life in this world until a time appointed. He will grant everyone with merit a full reward for his merit.*' Good reward then awaits those who repent and seek forgiveness. '*But if you turn away, then, I, indeed, dread for you the suffering of a great day.*'

This is a self-evident threat to those who turn away. Finally, the return to Allah who has absolute power. '*To Allah you shall all return, and He is able to do all things.*'

As the verses of the Scripture establish these important principles, the whole structure of the Islamic faith is raised on them. Indeed no religion may establish itself and delineate a complete way of life for mankind without first establishing these principles.

That all people should submit themselves to Allah alone is the central point in matters of faith. It is the point where people are either liberated from the shackles of uncontrolled imagination, superstition and false authority or continue to be enslaved by diverse deities, people who claim to be intermediaries between Allah and ordinary people, rulers and dictators who usurp the main quality of godhead, namely, the authority to rule and legislate, and subjugate people to their own false authority.

No social, political, economic or moral system, whether national or international, may be established on clear and well-defined principles which are not subject to personal desire and distorted interpretations unless the doctrine of the oneness of Allah is well established clearly and precisely. People cannot release themselves from the pressures of fear, humility and anxiety and enjoy the true noble status with which Allah has favored them unless the concept of Allah's absolute power and authority to legislate is accepted without question and claimed in no way by any person or creature.

Through history, the conflict between ignorance and Islam, and the battle between the message and the warnings and the glad-

tidings was not over the fact that Allah is the Lord of the universe who conducts its affairs and establishes its laws of nature. The conflict has always been over who is the Lord of mankind, who enacts their legislation and sets their laws and to whom they must submit. Tyrants of all colors and creeds have been usurping this right for themselves and by practicing it in life they subjugate people to their own power and enslave them. The divine messages and the Prophets and the advocates of Islam have always struggled to regain this usurped right in order to establish a society which acknowledges that only Allah has this right.

Allah (glorified be He) is in no need of anyone. His kingdom is neither increased by the obedience and worship of the believers nor is it decreased by the disobedience of anyone or by the tyranny of dictators. It is human beings who live in abject humility when they submit themselves to anyone but Allah and they gain in dignity, nobility and honor when they submit to Allah alone and free themselves from subjugation to any creature. Since Allah wants His people to live in dignity and honor He has sent His messenger to try to make mankind return to the worship of Allah alone and to liberate them from being subjugated by fellow creatures. This is for their own good, not for the benefit of Allah who is in no need of anyone.

Submission to Allah alone means the acknowledgment of His Lordship which, in turn, means that He is the master who can conduct their affairs with His own legislation and commands. This is the subject matter of Allah's book, as stated at the opening of this surah: '*This is a Scripture with verses which have been set out with perfection and then expounded in detail, bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware: Worship none but Allah.*' Indeed this is the meaning of worship as recognized by the Arabs in whose language the Qur'an was revealed.

The acknowledgement of the message is essential to the acceptance of the concepts it aims to establish. Any doubt that all this comes from Allah will destroy its due respect in people's minds and consciences. Those who think that it comes from Muhammad, no matter what degree of greatness they assign to Muhammad, cannot look on it with the same degree of binding respect which makes anyone hesitate before violating any of its major principles or minor details. Indeed, it is the feeling that the message and the faith it establishes come from Allah which causes those who contravene it to feel uneasy until they return eventually to Allah. It also makes the believers stand firm and resist any pressure to which they may be subjected.

Acceptance of the message also provides a controlling factor which defines what Allah wants of His servants. Thus in matters of faith and submission to Allah, people acknowledge only one source. No one will

then be able to claim that what he says or legislates comes from Allah. He will be confronted with the fact that his claim is false.

In all forms of ignorance some person or institution claims the authority to legislate and to establish values and traditions and then says, "This comes from Allah," such confusion cannot be resolved unless Allah's word is derived from one source, namely, Allah's messenger.

To seek forgiveness of one's sins is evidence that one's heart is alive, recognizes the offense committed and is keen on repenting. Repentance means the actual stopping of committing sins and starting doing what Allah has bid us to do. This is the practical meaning of repentance, without which it has no real existence, and hence, it cannot be accepted and no forgiveness can be granted. If someone claims, then, that he has decided to mend his ways and to be a true Muslim, without submitting himself to Allah alone, and accepting only His legislation, his claim remains false. It is believed by his submission to some authority other than Allah.

Giving glad tidings to those who repent and warning those who turn away are fundamental to the message and its conveyance. They utilize the two elements of hope and fear which are well established in human nature, and which together give very strong and genuine motivation.

To believe in the hereafter is necessary for us to feel that beyond this life there is divine wisdom, and that the goodness to which the divine messages have called is the purpose of life, and must, therefore, be rewarded either in this life or in the hereafter when human life reaches its perfection. Those who deviate from the way of life Allah has established and from His purpose of this life are those who sink down and suffer. This should work as a guarantee for the upright human nature from deviation. Thus, if one is overcome by a fleeting desire or yields to temptation he soon turns toward his Lord in repentance. Thus life continues in its good way, on this planet which has been made suitable for human life. To believe in the day of judgment is, therefore, not only a method for gaining reward in the hereafter, as some people think; it provides a motive to be good in this life and to work for its proper development. It must be observed that such development is not an end in itself, it is simply a means to establish the sort of life which befits a man in whom Allah has blown of His own spirit, and elevated him above many of His other creatures in order to make the goal of his life much more sublime than the goal of animal life.

This is the reason why the verses of the Scripture which has been made perfect and clearly expounded, call upon us to seek Allah's forgiveness and to turn to Him in repentance which is the beginning of good action which Allah rewards both in this life and in the life to come.

Commentary by Sayyid Qutb

Life of the Prophet-88

The war breaks out

By Adil Salahi

Dujanah said, "I take it for its proper value." Abu Dujanah was known to be a brave fighter, and he used to walk at the time of war in a certain way which showed pride. He took out a red band and tied it around his head, a gesture he did to signify that he was ready to fight. When the Prophet saw him doing that he said, "This type of walk is hateful to Allah except at the time of war."

As the battle raged on Abu Dujanah fought hard and killed everyone who tried to stop him. While Abu Dujanah was moving on in this fashion, there was an enemy soldier who made it his duty to seek anyone of the Muslims who was wounded and kill him. Soon he found himself face to face with Abu Dujanah and each of them leveled a strike at the other. Abu Dujanah managed to avert the strike of his opponent with his shield and killed him. Then he moved on and met another soldier wearing a mask. As he was about to strike him the soldier cried out and Abu Dujanah realized that he was facing a woman. He let her go because, as he said later, he felt it was improper to strike a woman with the Prophet's sword. That woman was Hind bint Utbah.

The Prophet's strict orders to these marksmen were that they should protect the Muslims from behind and not to allow the enemy to overrun their positions at any cost. He also ordered them not to leave their positions whatever the outcome of the battle. This last order the Prophet stressed so strongly that he told them that they were not to move even if they saw with their own eyes their fellow Muslims being killed right, left and center. If Qurash's horsemen were to try to climb the hill in order to attack the Muslims from behind, they were to repel them with their arrows. When the Prophet had marshaled his troops he spoke to them encouraging them to fight and exert their maximum efforts. He also told them not to start fighting until he gave the order.

At that moment the enemy troops

appeared in the plain underneath, and the two armies were now face to face. The women from Qurash were singing and playing music to encourage their troops and lift their morale.

When the two armies stood facing each other, Abu Sufian, now the undisputed leader of Qurash started implementing the strategy he had devised. He addressed the Ansar in the vain hope of splitting the ranks of the Muslims. He said to the Aws and the Khazraj that Qurash did not have any quarrel with them and that they did not wish to fight them. If the Aws and the Khazraj, the two tribes of the Ansar, would leave Qurash to settle their score with their kinsmen, i.e. the Muhaajirin, then they had nothing to fear from Qurash. No one replied and no one was interested in what Abu Sufian said.

Next stood the man who used to foretell that the Prophet was soon to appear but when the Prophet emigrated to Madinah he left his people, the Aws, and joined Qurash with fifty of his kinsfolk. Now, this man, Abu Amer, tried his piece, hoping to persuade his tribesmen to leave the Muslim ranks. He called on the Aws to respond to him. A response was made, but it was the opposite of what he used to assert to Qurash. He used to say that he was the undisputed leader of the Aws and that they will not do anything which displeased him. Now their response was to curse and stone him. Humiliated, he ran back to Qurash, saying: "Some unknown evil had overtaken my people after I left them." Thus Qurash failed in its two initial aims: to take the Muslims by surprise, and to cause a split in their ranks. The only option left to them was to fight.

Qurash started the battle with an attempt

to encircle the Muslims with a pincer movement. The left flank of the Qurash army, commanded by Ikrish ibn Abu Jahl, tried to turn around the Muslims but was unable to accomplish its purpose. The right flank, commanded by Khalid ibn Al-Waleed, then made a similar attempt to achieve the same purpose. It was, however, repelled by a heavy bombardment with the arrows from the unit on top of Mount Aman. The two armies were back to their starting positions.

A man came out from the ranks of the unbelievers calling for a duel. Al-Zubair ibn Al-Awwam accepted his challenge and fought him and killed him, to the delight of the Muslims who shouted their ever-inspiring slogan Allah is the greatest." The battle now began in earnest and the Muslims were ready to repeat their splendid victory at Badr. The fact that they were fighting an enemy four times their number did not discourage them. Indeed, to most of them victory was a certainty which was soon to come to pass, because they have long realized that victory is granted by Allah.

An incident which epitomizes the attitude of the Muslims in the battle of Uhud was that of Abd Dujanah, Simak ibn Kharashah. The Prophet held out a sword in his hand and asked his companions as he was marching them: "Who takes this sword for its proper value?" Several men showed interest but the Prophet did not give it to any of them. Abu Dujanah, however, stood out and asked: "What is its proper value, messenger of Allah?" The Prophet answered, "That you strike the enemy with it until it is bent." Abu

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Q. I have heard many people say that smuggling is un-Islamic. What is wrong with bringing an article from one country to sell it in another?

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Jeddah

A. Such questions are often asked by people who mean well and feel that the only laws to be obeyed are Allah's laws. This is certainly true, but Allah tells us to obey Him and to obey the Prophet and to obey the rulers from among us. (Surah 4, verse 59). Muslim scholars agree that any Muslim government may enact legislation to conduct any affair of the society as long as such legislation does not contravene Allah's laws. This means that it is within the power of any government to organize imports and exports, make traffic regulations or rules for the licensing of buildings and shops as long as it does not adversely affect the interests of the society. Muslims are required to abide by such legislation. We cannot have a situation where every individual can decide for himself whether any action he wants to do is legal or not. It is the government's privilege and responsibility to look after the interests of the society as a

whole. Governments are certainly accountable for what they do. If they legislate in order to organize the affairs of the society, then they commit no offense as long as their legislation remains within the laws of Allah. Islam expects of Muslims to be law-abiding.

If a government, however, enacts a legislation which clearly contravenes the laws of Islam, such as making it a legal offense for any person to fast in the month of Ramadan, such a law must be disobeyed, because fasting in the month of Ramadan is obligatory for every Muslim by Allah's laws. The law of no government can supersede Allah's law.

Contravening government regulations may also lead to contravening Allah's law itself. If someone wants to avoid a penalty under the laws of smuggling gives a false declaration, then he is guilty of lying. All lying is forbidden, whether one lies to an individual or to a government. When the Prophet was asked about various sins and whether they may be committed by a person who is a believer, he answered to all of them in the affirmative but when he was asked whether a believer lies he said: "No, a believer does not lie."

My advice here is that one should abide by the laws of the country he lives in as long as these laws do not contradict any injunction of Islam.

Our Dialogue

Violation of human laws

Q. Islam, as you have rightly explained in the course of reply to another question, does not recognize national boundaries. But all the same, they are there with the unhappy result that a Muslim living in a non-Muslim country or under a government which, though of Muslims, does not base its laws on *Sharia*, has to obey and conform to many rules and regulations even when some of them conflict with his notions of what is right and what is wrong, or what is permissible and what is not. In such a situation, how far is it binding on a Muslim to obey the civic laws of his country? To cite one example, the customs rules of certain countries prohibit importing gold from abroad even for personal uses. Suppose a person violates these rules and tries to carry some gold either by hiding or giving false declaration, can it be justified on grounds that he is not violating any divine law?

For another example, we have the income tax acts in certain countries under which all those with income above a certain level are required to pay tax to their governments on the basis of their net income at the rates prescribed from time to time. If a Muslim tries to circumvent these rules either by evading the tax altogether or by not revealing the extent of

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Before being ejected

King puts Knicks on safe ground

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — The New York Knicks, whose offense has sputtered late in National Basketball Association games all season, had every reason to let it happen again, but they didn't.

Bernard King, after scoring 43 points, was ejected with two minutes to play and the Knicks leading Detroit Pistons 106-105 Wednesday night. But the Knicks held on to win the game 120-109.

The Knicks are the lowest-scoring team in the NBA and have been held under 100 points 13 times in 20 games. When King was ejected for swinging at Detroit's John Long, it looked like the Knicks might be frustrated again, as they were Tuesday night when they were scoreless in the last 4 1/2 minutes and lost to Chicago.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 113, Cleveland 93; New Jersey 98, Washington 95; Philadelphia 132, Atlanta 85; Chicago 111, Milwaukee 101; Indiana 130, Denver 126; Dallas 110, Seattle 94; San Antonio 102, Kansas City 101 in overtime; Utah 101, Houston 93 and Los Angeles 89, Phoenix 86.

Despite his ejection, which he claimed was unjustified, King was the obvious star of the game, with 17 of 19 field goals, nine of 11 free throws and nine rebounds. The Knicks had a 62-55 deficit at halftime and scored the first 14 points in the third period to take the lead for good at 69-62.

New York expanded its lead to 87-73 before Detroit reduced it to 106-105 just before King was ejected. After that, the Knicks hit 10 of their final 14 points from the free throw line to pull away.

Bulls 111, Bucks 107: Reggie Theus scored 32 points as Chicago beat Milwaukee for its first road victory in 12 tries this season. Theus had 13 points in the second quarter as the

Bulls overcame a 10-point deficit to lead at halftime.

Mavericks 110, Sonics 94: Rolando Blackman scored 26 points and Brad Davis had 10 of his 16 in the third quarter when Dallas pulled away from Seattle.

76ers 132, Hawks 85: Philadelphia jumped to a 20-2 lead and was never threatened thereafter by Atlanta. Moses Malone led the 76ers with 25 points despite sitting out the fourth quarter.

Spurs 102, Kings 101: Center Artis Gilmore, who scored 24 points, tipped in a rebound with one second left to lift San Antonio past Kansas City. George Gervin scored 25 points for San Antonio and Larry

Drew 26 for the Kings.

Lakers 89, Suns 86: Bob McAdoo's two free throws with three seconds remaining clinched Los Angeles' victory over Phoenix. The Suns outscored the Lakers 30-13 in the third quarter, wiping out a 53-37 halftime deficit and putting Phoenix ahead 67-66. But Kurt Rambis' layup with 3:53 remaining gave the Lakers an 80-79 edge they never relinquished.

Nets 98, Bullets 95: Buck Williams had 19 points and 20 rebounds as New Jersey won its fifth straight game. Washington, which trailed by 12 points midway through the fourth quarter, had a chance to tie the game with less than a minute left, but Williams blocked a shot by Frank Johnson and then rebounded a last-gasp three-point attempt by Kevin Grevey.

Celtics 113, Cavaliers 93: Larry Bird scored 30 points, 13 of them during a 23-4 streak that gave Boston an early 27-8 lead over Cleveland. The Cavaliers, who got 26 points from Scott Wedman, rallied to cut their deficit to 98-97 before Bird scored five points in a 10-2 surge that clinched the victory.

Pacers 130, Nuggets 126: Rookie Clark Kellogg scored a season-high 29 points and Clemon Johnson added a career-high 22 as Indiana held off a late surge by Denver. The Pacers led by 20 points before the Nuggets trimmed the deficit to 127-126 with the help of Alex English, who scored 41 points.

Jazz 101, Rockets 93: Adrian Dantley scored 34 points and Jeff Wilkins 21 to lead Utah past Houston. The Rockets, who trailed 82-74 after three periods, cut the deficit to 84-81 early in the final quarter, but a 13-2 spurt by the Jazz put them comfortably ahead again.



Bernard King... star of the game

U.S. tid-bits

Walker walks into All-America squad

By Susan Saporto

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 9 — Georgia running back Herschel Walker was a unanimous selection to United Press International's 1982 All-America college football team.

Walker, making the team for the third year in a row, heads an offensive unit which includes Stanford quarterback John Elway and running backs Mike Rozier of Nebraska and Eric Dickerson of Southern Methodist University.

Walker is one of two Bulldogs named to the first team. Terry Hoage led the voting for the defensive backs. Nebraska's Dave Rimington, two-time winner of the Outland Trophy is the center; Michigan's Anthony Carter is the wide receiver and Brigham Young junior Gordon Hudson is the tight end.

Rounding out the offense is Southern California's Don Mosbar and Pittsburgh's Jimbo Covert at the tackles and Southern California's Bruce Matthews and Arkansas' Steve Korte are the guards.

NFL players ratify \$1.6b pact

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — National Football League players ratified by a 3-1 margin Wednesday the five-year, 1.6-billion-dollar collective bargaining agreement that came out of their 57-day strike.

Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFL Players Union, said the agreement will be formally signed Friday in Washington.

Garvey said the results were based on votes from 26 teams. We said the Atlanta Falcons had not reported their votes and the Miami Dolphins would not vote until Thursday.

In the first in-season strike in the league's 63-year history, the Union ordered the players out on Sept. 21 — 10 weeks after the former collective bargaining agreement had expired and after more than eight months of fruitless negotiations.

The players closed the camps for 57 days, wiping out eight weekends of the 16-week

eligibility for players. The other makes it mandatory that every coach's contract include the stipulation that the coach can be suspended without pay or fired if he's involved in "deliberate and serious violations of NCAA regulations."

The first of these changes, called the ethical conduct proposal, says unethical conduct will include refusing to give information requested by the NCAA or the school, or giving false or misleading information. A player who violates the ethical conduct rule could lose his eligibility. Coaches or presumably any other employee of the school could face suspension.

The second proposal gives the school's chief executive officer, not the NCAA, the power to discipline the coach.

Meanwhile, two stern proposals on the agenda for next month's NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) convention promise to impose stiff measures for coaches and loss of eligibility for players who violate NCAA regulations. Both are expected to be approved during the Jan. 10-12 meeting in San Diego, Calif.

One proposal appears to make full cooperation with NCAA investigators an obligation of employment for coaches and a condition of

eligibility.

The new contract includes a 60-million-dollar one-time cash bonus to be distributed among the league's 1,500 players, an increased minimum wage scale, severance pay, increased playoff, pension, insurance and per day monies and other benefits.

And for the first time, NFL clubs guarantee to allocate specific sums toward players' compensation over the life of the contract. The players also won greater access to their medical records and the right to choose their own surgeon for game-related injuries.

Other gains by the players include an easing of the compensation rules governing the movement of free agents who have played out their contracts and a streamlining of non-injury grievance procedures.

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HOUSTON, Dec. 9 — Heart disease, a major cause of death in the United States, is facing an increasingly stubborn population. More and more people are strengthening their bodies and building up resistances to heart problems. More and more people are becoming physically fit. Underlying the claims of numerous health spas across the country of heightened physical attractiveness is a simple truth: exercise is good for you and can help you live longer, more productive lives.

Aerobic exercises specifically work to improve the cardiovascular system. Besides burning calories thus facilitating weightloss, aerobic exercise increases the amount of oxygen-carrying hemoglobin in the blood. As blood becomes "richer," it can bring in more oxygen to each cell and take away more carbon dioxide and other wastes than it could without exercising. Muscle cells also improve their ability to process oxygen and eliminate wastes more efficiently. The result: the heart doesn't have to pump as much blood to each cell as it did before.

Aerobic exercise also increases the efficiency of your lungs and strengthens the muscles that make the lungs expand and contract. With each breath, you take in more air and get rid of more carbon dioxide than you did before. Your blood receives more oxygen at your lungs than it did before, and eliminates more carbon dioxide, resulting again in richer, cleaner blood and less work for your heart.

Aerobic exercise makes blood vessels more flexible, so they don't tend to accumulate atherosclerotic deposits as readily. This produces less resistance in the blood vessels and less strain on the heart. Aerobic exercise also increases the number of blood vessels, which form a network throughout the body's cells, so that when you get your heart rate up during an aerobic workout, the cells throughout your body get a better cleansing and more life-sustaining oxygen.

Because of its proven ability to facilitate circulation, lower blood pressure, relieve tensions and generally improve one's physi-

Exercise your way to keep heart attack at bay

Tenneco sets the trend toward fitness & strength



SWEATING IT OUT: A Tenneco employee going through the grind at the Health and Fitness Center during the lunch break.

cal condition and sense of well-being, aerobic exercise is growing in popularity. Many Americans are making aerobic exercise a part of their daily or weekly routines, whether in the form of vigorous daily walks or a more regimented exercise program offered by one of the country's many health spas. Perhaps a most modern approach to health and fitness exists in the corporate health program.

Tenneco, Inc., a Houston-based oil and natural gas company, offers to all of its employees, at no extra charge, a complete, and lavish, health and fitness center. "It's an added benefit," said Dr. Edward Bernacki, Tenneco's corporate medical director. It provides company employees the opportunity and facilities from the spacious Nautilus weight training and aerobic exercise rooms, racquetball courts and a 1/2 mile enclosed track which encircles the building, to the executive-style locker rooms and freshly laundered gym clothes, to develop a personalized fitness program they can fit into their work schedules.

The aim of the fitness center is to encourage people to lead a non-sedentary lifestyle, said Dr. Bernacki and Mark Landgreen, manager of the health and fitness center.

Their primary emphasis is on getting inactive employees to become more active,

rather than pushing already active employees into higher levels of activity. "You'll see some overweight people out there, but they're doing something about it," said Dr. Bernacki.

On a scale of one to ten, "they're moving from zero to one, and that's going to be a lot more beneficial to them in their lives, they're going to live longer by moving from zero to one than by moving from five to ten." "We want to get the bulk of the people doing little bit more," added Landgreen. It is apparent, however, upon entering the center, that it achieves more than it aims to.

Dr. Bernacki and Landgreen believe that

the peer support of the work force is a strong factor in encouraging employee participation in the health center. "There's a real camaraderie being built up," said Dr. Bernacki. "It's like a 'happening' — a social experience as well as a fitness experience.

You see a lot of people working out, together running the track, talking, and they're happy. It's infectious!"

Tenneco's fitness center was the brain child of Jim L. Ketelsen, Tenneco chairman and chief executive. Ketelsen underwent a

double bypass surgery on two blocked arteries in 1979. He believed that his lifestyle probably contributed to his need for the surgery, and decided to establish a program to promote good health for the employees of the company. "His idea was that he wanted to give something to the employees that they could take with them and live with the rest of their lives," said Dr. Bernacki, "something that's going to help them live longer, be more productive, and feel better. I think that's almost a fact: people who are in good shape feel and look better."

A follow-up survey of Tenneco fitness center participants showed this to be true. The survey was conducted after the center had been in operation for four months to determine how employees perceived their own health. Eighty-one percent of the employees using the fitness center reported feeling better, 53 percent said they felt they looked better. Sixty-three percent said they had more energy than before starting the program, 51 percent reported feeling less tense, and over 50 percent reported increased strength, endurance and flexibility.

Dr. Bernacki said the medical staff is conducting research to find out those employees using the health center are actually more productive people. He cited a study done in Canada which compared populations of two insurance companies. The company that had an exercise program showed superior attendance records.

"It's mostly a preventative type program," said Landgreen, "though we do have one program that's medically supervised, involving high risk members, who we want to watch more closely." Before any Tenneco employee uses the center, he must undergo a thorough fitness evaluation including a physical examination, to prove that he can use the facility safely. It takes about three or four weeks to get back all of the results, then the employee who passes the pre-testing is free to participate in the

health center program. Of the 3,600 employees at Tenneco's downtown office, 3,200 have gone through the screening process and are now using the center.

Each day, 500 or more Tenneco employees improve their physical fitness at the health center. Upon completion of a work-out, they log their activities into a computer which converts activity into calories burned, keeping a running total. Each employee receives a monthly report of his activity and progress. Employee committees devise special events to encourage group participation. One such committee recently staged a noon-time race. More than 100 employees donned their gym wear and ran along the bayou during their lunch hour. The race was filmed on video tape and viewed the following day in the health center during a special "awards ceremony." Other incentive programs include inter-departmental calorie-burning contests.

A special menu helps Tenneco employees count their calories. As part of the health program, a "B-fit" diet is available each day in the employee cafeteria for breakfast and lunch, providing a nutritious, low-calorie meal. This makes it easier to stick to a commitment to be healthy, said Landgreen.

In this self-contained working-recreational environment, business and health coexist. Employees save time otherwise spent driving to and from an outside health spa, exercise together and encourage one another to work toward becoming healthier, more physically fit people. With their high success rate, Landgreen said their goal now is to maintain the high-level participation and to expand the program to include employees' family members. Tenneco currently has two "satellite" programs outside downtown Houston, where employees' family members are eligible to participate on weekends.

"The word around Houston," said Dr. Bernacki, "is, 'we want a job at Tenneco, because they've got this marvelous facility'..." The word around the country is improved physical fitness, good health and longer, happier lives.

Watford shocked in English League trophy

Nene slams two in Benfica's big victory

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — The European Football Union (UEFA) Cup, often hidden away on the back shelf behind the Champions' and Cup-Winners' trophies, rocketed in value Wednesday night as Benfica, Anderlecht, Valencia and Roma reached the last eight.

For with four of the world's most famous clubs — with eight European triumphs behind them — in Friday's quarterfinal draw, the UEFA Cup now commands special attention.

Benfica, champions of Europe in 1961 and 1962, swamped Swiss guests Zurich 4-0 in Lisbon to win 5-1 on aggregate. The current Portuguese line-up does not stand comparison with the Eusebio-inspired team of 20 years ago but two goals by international striker Nene, and one piece from Filipovic and Diamantino provided evidence that they are still a force to be reckoned with.

While England drops Cowans for third Test

Rackemann pulls out of Aussie squad

ADELAIDE, Aust., Dec. 9 (AP) — England and Australia Thursday announced one change each to their line-ups for the crucial third cricket Test, starting on Friday at the Adelaide Oval.

Trailing 1-0 after two Tests, the English selectors dropped young West Indian-born fast bowler, Norman Cowans, while Queensland paceman Carl Rackemann ruled himself out of selection after a fitness test.

Rackemann's decision not to play, because of a groin strain sustained in Brisbane, surprised teammates and spectators alike at the morning practice session. While his timing with the bat was out, his bowling was fast and accurate and he seemed to follow through without obvious discomfort.

But after one spell of bowling, the 22-year-old blond giant informed selectors' chairman, Phil Ridings, that he still felt tight and it was mutually agreed not to risk playing him in a five day Test match.

The selectors immediately named South Australian batsman Wayne Phillips as his replacement in the squad, but Phillips is expected to be 12th man, with fellow South Australian Rodney Hogg, entering the Australian bowling attack.

The news of Hogg's return re-kindled unpleasant memories for the Englishmen, against whom he made a spectacular entry to Test cricket during the 1978-79 series. On that tour, the South Australian speedster collected 41 wickets for an average of 12.85.

But since last year's tour of England he has been hounded by a back complaint, missing out completely on last season's first class matches as he strove to build up the muscles around his spine.

Hogg, 31, said Thursday he was happy to be back in the Australian side, but played down the magnitude of his comeback. "You can get too dramatic about things," he said. "Plenty of sportsmen miss time through

injury — footballers sometimes miss a whole season."

The recall of 24-year-old left hander Wayne Phillips will provide strong back up should any of the Australian batsmen pull out. Phillips scored 260 runs in a shield match at Adelaide Oval last summer and toured Pakistan with Australia in September-October.

Greg Chappell said he hoped Australia could improve on their performances so far, particularly in the vexed area of fielding.

"This is not the best catching side I've ever been in," Chappell said.

"Because of Alan Border's injured finger

we've got a few people fielding in the slips who wouldn't normally spend so much time there."

Teams:

England: Chris Tavare, Graeme Fowler, David Gower, Allan Lamb, Ian Botham, Derek Randall, Geoff Miller, Derek Pringle, Eddie Hemmings, Bob Taylor, Bob Willis (capt.).

Australia: Kepler Wessels, John Dyson, Allan Border, Greg Chappell (capt.), Kim Hughes, David Hookes, Rodney Marsh, Bruce Yardley, Geoff Lawson, Rodney Hogg, Jeff Thomson, 12th man: Wayne Phillips.

Kaiserslautern beat Seville 4-0 to the 1-0 defeat in Spain while Bohemians Prague had an unexpectedly hard time against Servette Geneva. They had drawn 2-2 in Switzerland and had to come back after conceding a 17th minute goal to Decastel.

Cramond equalized four minutes before half-time and a 1-1 draw would have been good enough to qualify them on the away goals rule. However, they were under the constant threat of conceding another goal and it took a penalty by Pirozny with two minutes to go to relieve them.

Universitatea Craiova needed two hours to beat the French club Bordeaux. The Romanians wiped out the 1-0 deficit from the first leg in the 37th minute when Ticlean rammed in a loose ball but then wasted their chances.

Bordeaux looked as if they might pull off another surprise as they had knocked out Hajduk Split after losing 4-1 in Yugoslavia — but Geolaud had a magnificent goal to put the Romanians through 2-1 on aggregate.

Portuguese Benfica's international star Nene leaps in the air to head home his side's third goal as Ladislao and Landolt of Zurich look dazed in the UEFA Cup tie in Lisbon Wednesday. Benfica won the match 4-0.

Soccer results

UEFA Cup	
Werder Bremen	1 Dundee United (Dundee qualify: 3-3)
Kaiserslautern	4 Sevilla (Kaiserslautern: 4-1)
Valencia	2 Spartak Moscow (Valencia: 5-1)
Benfica	4 Zurich (Benfica: 5-1)
Sarajevo	1 Anderlecht (Anderlecht: 4-0)
Bohemians Prague	2 Servette (Bohemians: 4-3)
Roma	2 Cologne (Roma: 2-1)
Universitatea	2 Bordeaux (Craiova: 2-1)
English Football trophy	
Lincoln	3 Norwich
Reading	5 Watford
University match	
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Standings

Pool 'A'

	P	W	L	D	Ps
Arabian Eagles	7	7	0	0	60
Arabia Abqaik	7	5	2	0	50
Perutnik	6	4	2	0	39
Juyaimah-Rt	7	3	4	0	36
Combined	5	3	2	0	29
Bechtel Jubail	1	1	5	1	17
BAC	5	1	3	1	15
UPM 'B'	6	0	6	0	18

Pool 'B'

	P	W	L	D	Ps
AGE 'C'	5	5	0	0	41
Orrilines	6	4	1	1	35
Abbasin	7	4	2	1	34
Mira	6	3	2	1	30
YFCC	6	3	2	1	27
UPM 'A'	5	1	3	1	13
Saxex	5	0	5	0	9
Zaid	5	0	5	0	9

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Pollution in Swansea Bay -- Part I

By Alexandra Frith

Dearlo pushed up his top pebble and peered out to see what kind of a day it was. To his great delight it was a beautiful sunny day, so he beckoned Toggler to hasten up the seaweed ladder, so that they could go off fishing near Mumbles Point.

With fishing rods over their shoulders the two Bumbles merrily went on their way bidding "Good Morning" to other Bumbles out and about on this lovely day. "What's that?" Toggler asked suddenly, pointing in the direction of some large boulders.

Dearlo looked to where Toggler was pointing and saw an old boot, muttering away to himself. The two little Bumbles hopped over the pebbles to where the boot was and Toggler bent to pick it up when suddenly a voice called out, "Put me down and while you are at it scratch my buckle for me!"

Toggler did as the boot asked and gave the buckle a good scratch. "It's usual to say please," Dearlo interrupted, "when you ask for someone's help."

The boot glanced at Dearlo just as Toggler was putting it down saying, "Pooh! you smell!" Dearlo was shocked that Toggler was being so rude, but he had to admit the air was a bit strong and was coming from the direction of the boot.

"Don't be so personal, I can't help it, anyway with all the pollution about it just can't be helped," Dearlo and Toggler looked at each other then back at the boot.

"That is why I'm leaving," the boot continued. "I am also very sticky because of oil from the ships. What I need is a bath and a good rub with boot polish."

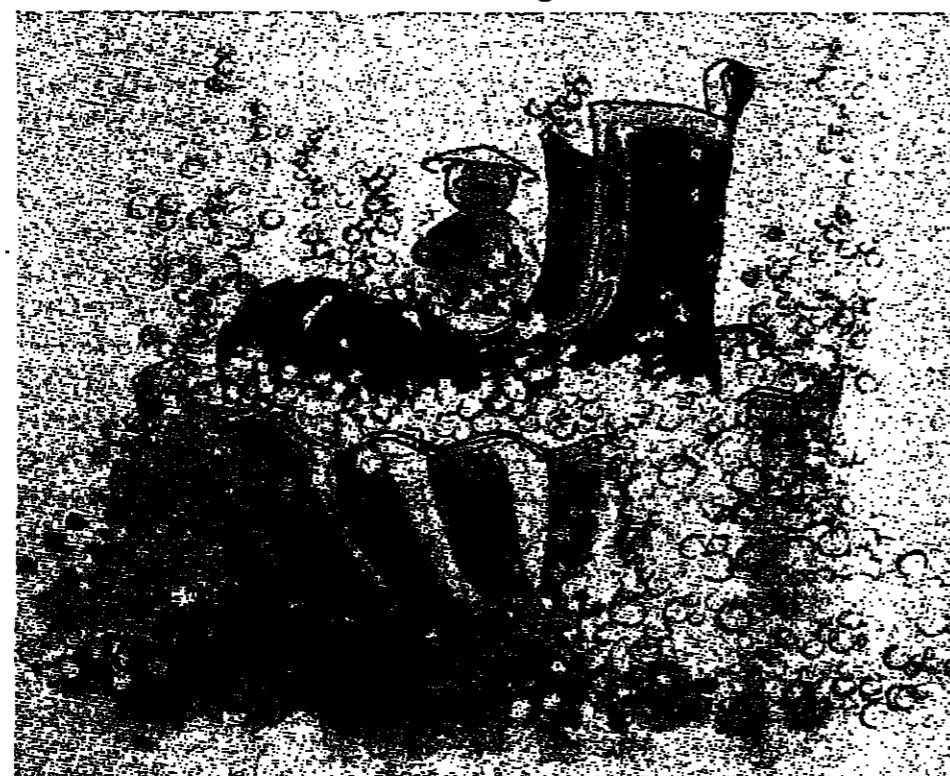
"We may be able to help there," Dearlo said. "You can come to our home and freshen up."

So the two little Bumbles and the boot set off for their home beneath the pebbles. The boot feeling better to have made such good friends.

On the way the boot said, "Let me introduce myself. I'm Bitty Boot." "How do you do?" said Dearlo. "I'm Dearlo Bumble and this is Toggler!"

A short while later they were sitting in Dearlo's home and sipping a cup of seawater tea.

Lillypop was most concerned about Bitty



Boot as he looked such a sorry sight, the oil clinging to his lace and he smelt, of that there was no doubt.

So Lillypop prepared a nice hot bath for Bitty Boot, she put in a drop of her special seaweed bubble bath then she beckoned the Boot over to the bath saying, "We shall leave you in peace now, you relax in the water and don't forget to wash behind your heel."

"Thank you Lillypop, you are very kind," said Bitty Boot.

"I don't suppose you could find an old piece of shoe polish?" he finished hopefully. Lillypop smiled. "I'll try my best, but we Bumbles do not use polish as we have shells for feet."

So while Bitty Boot washed himself clean and relaxed in the seaweed bubble bath, Dearlo went off in search of some black shoe polish.

He was in luck as he met Dooley the Dragon who was building sand castles.

Dooley told him the Wizard had some polish so he and Dearlo headed for Oystermouth Castle, and then with a small amount of black boot polish in a winkle shell Dearlo returned home, after thanking Dooley for his help.

As soon as Dearlo had descended down the seaweed ladder a different kind of smell met his nose, a smell of cleanliness, bubble bath and oyster pie that Lillypop had just served for their supper.

"Just in time," Lillypop called out, as Dearlo hung up his limpet shell hat on his peg.

"Well, when Dearlo saw Bitty Boot he let out a long whistle, "You do look smart."

Bitty Boot was seated at the table alongside Lillypop and Toggler all clean and looking so much better for his bath.

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Thirty-three percent of Swedish girls



Illustrations by Nicolas Dumine

shall all help polish you up," he said. "Yes, but let's eat first," said Toggler. Everyone was as Toggler had a healthy appetite and was always thinking of food.

They all tucked into the delicious oyster pie that Lillypop had cooked for them, and presently after the dishes had been put away Dearlo and Toggler set to in polishing Bitty Boot who giggled at being tickled so.

"Oh, I do feel good, it's so long since I had a good lick of polish in my leather," Bitty Boot laughed. Soon he was gleaming like a new boot, a perfect specimen of his breed.

"Now" said Dearlo, sitting down, "tell us why you were so cross this morning when we found you?" They all waited to listen to Bitty Boot's reply.

"One thing is for sure, I'm never going back, it's over, I've had enough," he said.

"Not going back where?" Toggler asked.

"Why the sea, of course," replied the Boot. He went on! "I've been living there quite happily for many a long year now, but, the state the sea is in, is a sorry one. I don't understand what is going on, fishes are dying and one can hardly see a shoe sole in front of your eyes any more, the water is getting gray out in the bay. I'm very worried about it."

Dearlo looked at Toggler as he had heard tales of dead fish coming in with the tide and the Bumble ladies were complaining their wash was not as white as it used to be.

"Yes, I know what you mean," said Dearlo, "it's about time we tried to do something about it."

"About what," asked Lillypop as she rejoined everyone with a fresh pot of seawater tea.

"The pollution in Swansea Bay," Dearlo answered.

"I quite agree," said Lillypop putting her tray of tea, "a lot of Bumbles have been complaining that the seawater does not seem as clean as it used to be."

"But how can we help?" Toggler asked.

"I'm not sure Toggler, but we must think of something," Dearlo replied.

Bitty Boot interrupted, "It's the likes of me and all those cans that are helping to do this to the sea, that is why I decided to help by leaving."

The Bumbles all looked at each other, then back to Bitty Boot who went on. "Just before I left I had a meeting with a lot of my

friends, cans, shoes, old bottles, you know, rubbish in general," Bitty Boot paused for breath.

"I had noticed many strange things for a long time now, fish dying for no apparent reason, oysters leaving their beds to try and find clearer salt waters; not being able to see clearly through the water any more, I tell you, the sea is turning gray as stone and more bottles, cans and boots were being dumped into it. So I decided to help — by leaving."

"I think that was a marvelous thing to do," said Lillypop. "You must be very sad at leaving your home beneath the sea?"

"Yes," Bitty Boot replied, "but I'm sure I'm right, the likes of me cannot expect to make our home in the sea, when there is plenty of room for us on dry land."

"Did your friends the bottles and cans follow your lead?" Dearlo enquired.

"No! I'm afraid not Dearlo. When I left they were arguing amongst themselves," Bitty Boot said.

"Oh, dear," Lillypop exclaimed. She went on, "Never mind now, let's tuck you up in bed, Bitty Boot. You must be very tired."

He was tired and turned to Dearlo saying, "Do you think you could untie my lace please?" Dearlo was delighted to do so and was amazed as to how quickly Bitty Boot fell asleep in his scallop shell bed.

He turned to Lillypop and Toggler saying, "Bitty Boot is perfectly right, you know, they are in the wrong making their homes beneath the sea, he is a very brave boy leaving like he did. I wonder will the others follow his example?"

"Who can tell," said Toggler.

"Tomorrow we must check the beach to see if any other boot, shoe, bottles or cans follow his example," Dearlo replied.

Soon all the little Bumbles were tucked up safely in their beds fast asleep, except Dearlo who was thinking over the day's events.

(To be continued next Friday)

Japanese women working more, getting less pay

TOKYO, (AP) — Although women now account for more than one-third of Japan's 40-million-plus work force, they still find the door to the executive suite shut, and the average woman earns little more than half as much as the average man, government studies show. According to the female labor white paper made public recently by the Labor Ministry, the number of working women last year rose to 13.91 million, up 370,000 or 2.7 percent from the previous year. Women made up 34.5 percent of the nation's work force.

"Over the years, work has become an integral part of life for many women as employment opportunities are increasingly available for them," said Yasuko Matsumoto, chief of the ministry's women affairs section.

She said discrimination in pay and promotions remains the lot of working women. The idea that women are merely office ornaments, to serve tea and do menial chores for a few years between school and marriage, is still pervasive. "If you can continue work," Mrs. Matsumoto said, "the situation isn't too bad. But the problem is that doors to managerial and other high-power jobs remain closed to women."

Mitsubishi Corp., the nation's No. 1 trading firm, recruited 89 women college graduates last year. A Mitsubishi spokesman said:

"They were hired under the category of secretarial work and are expected to do only clerical or assistant jobs."

"It is a division (of labor) rather than discrimination," the official said. "Because they are given a chance of breaking into the general work category (under which all men are employed) later by passing the test."

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By Tony Barber

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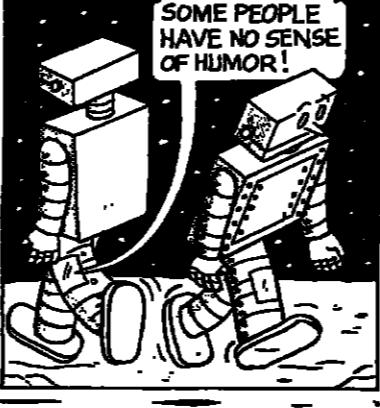
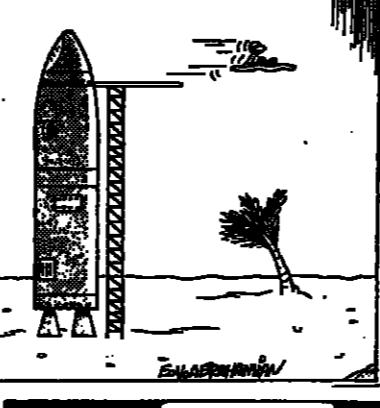
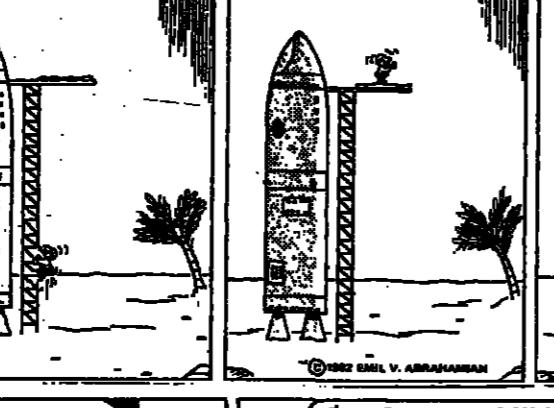
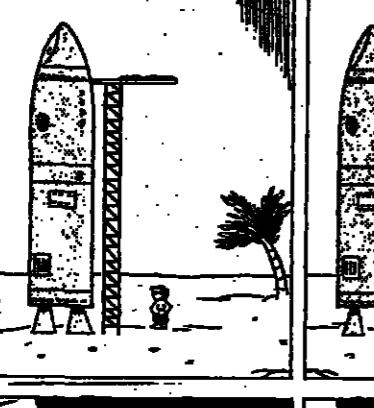
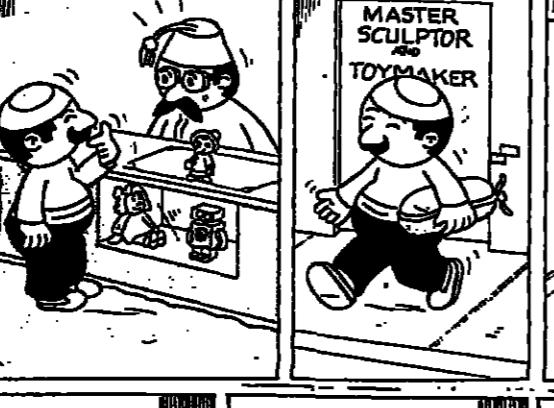
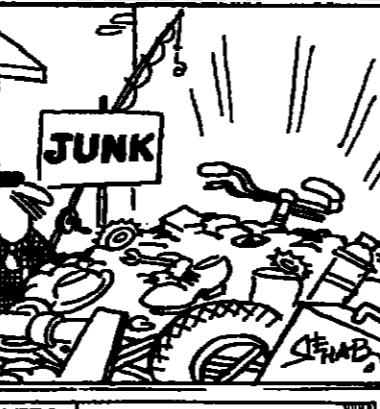
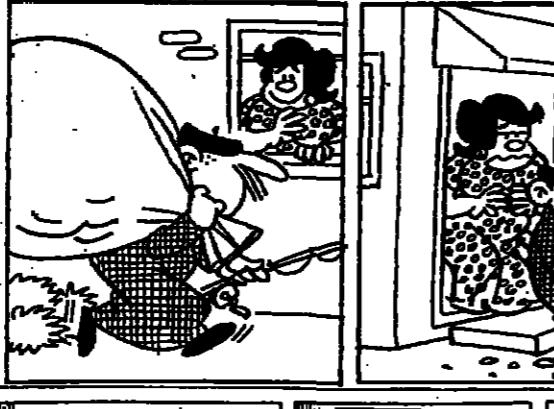
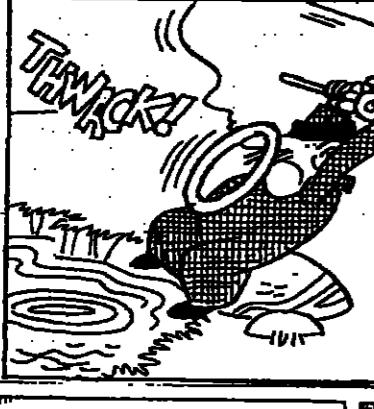
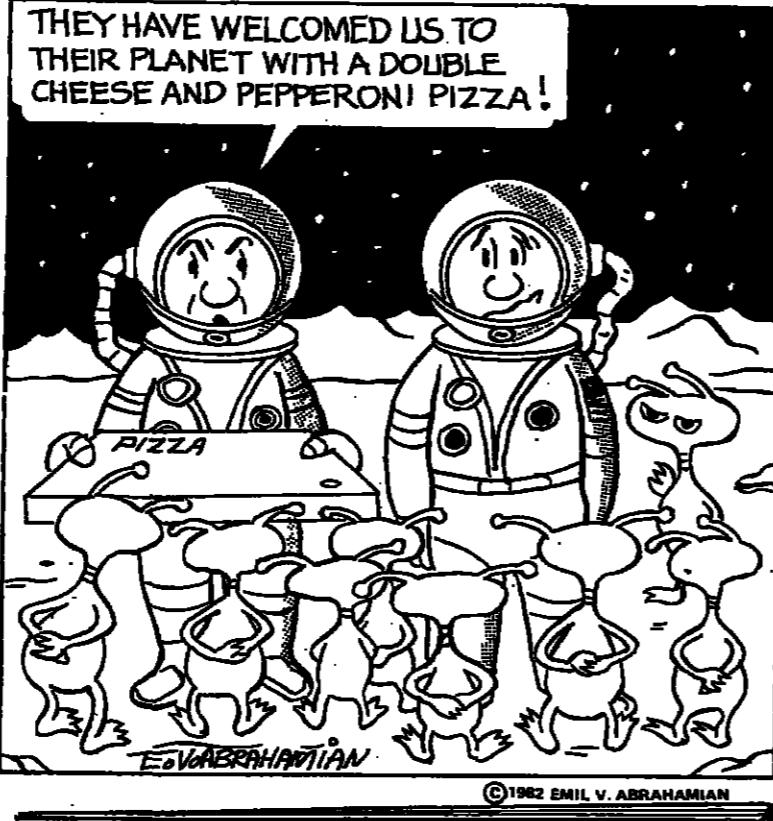
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Consult with advisers about business matters. You may reverse a decision. Get an early start if traveling to avoid delays.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You'll have a productive day on the job and then will want to join friends in their activities. Fulfill social obligations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Good news comes from a distance and travelers should meet with happy times. You'll make a decision about a career matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Consult with advisers about business matters. You may reverse a decision. Get an early start if traveling to avoid delays.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

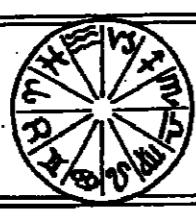
Partnership activities are favorable, but avoid a fight with a friend over money. Maintain conservative financial tactics.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Some meet with romance on the job. Now's the time to bring projects to completion. Stress logic rather than temperament.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You'll have fun gadding about town with a loved one,



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**Crossword**
by THOMAS JOSEPH

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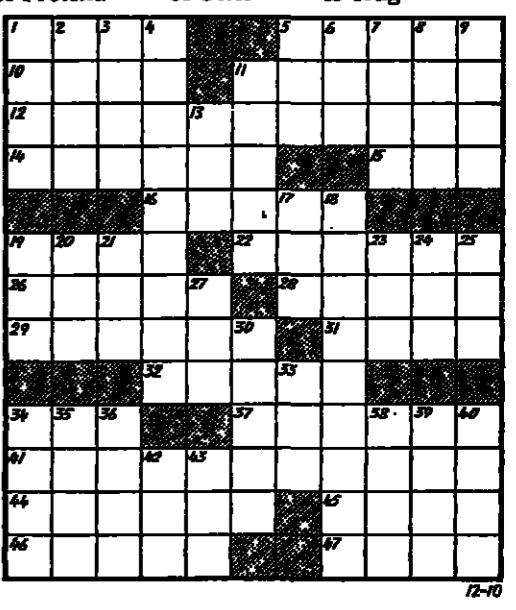
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DAILY PROGRAMS

SAUDI ARABIA

Monday Night 5:15 All Creatures Great and Small/Ionic Series

5:19 Bedtime Collection

6:11 Stories for the Young

7:02 Hunt to Hart/Hart

Lion and Sister

7:59 The Man/Born/Epic 4, Bee-Eater

8:27 The Story of the Work/French Connection 11

10:00 News

BAHRAIN Channel 4

4:00 Quran

— Religious Talk

4:20 Program Preview

4:25 Cartoons

4:40 Big Food and the Wide World

5:00 Sports

6:00 Religious Program

7:00 Daily Arabic Series

8:00 Local News

Bahrain Channel 5

6:00 Program Preview

6:30 Local News Program

6:30 Tomorrow's Programs

6:35 Daily Arabic Series

10:30 News

BAHRAIN

1:00 NBA Basketball/76

Eric Von Sacken

2:30 Bowers Tour/2, 13/82

3:41 Children's Show/Cartoons

3:45 Movie Matinee/Rocky

Radio Riyadh

Monday Night 10:00 News

11:00 Stories for the Young

12:00 News

Francaise Langue

Longueurs d'ordre:

— FM 90 Megahertz

Onde Courte: 11.655

Megahertz: 100.2000

— Onde Moyenne: 1485

Kilobits dans la bande des 2000:

— FM 900 Ouverture; Ventes Et

Commerce;

9:15 Bonjour;

9:20 Chansons de l'enfance;

9:30 Informations; Lumière

sur les informations;

9:35 Variété;

9:45 Musique; Clôture;

Vacances du Soir du Vendredi

Heure:

18:00 Ouverture; Lumière sur le Ciel;

18:15 Chanson Classique;

18:30 Chanson Arabe

18:45 Musique;

19:00 Grosses Têtes;

19:15 Grosses Têtes; Evénement;

19:30 Informations; Revue de Presse;

19:45 Clôture.

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Friday

0600 - 0700 Daybreak: News, Regional and Topical Reports

0700 - 0800 The Breakfast Show: News, Informal Presentation

0800 - 0900 Daybreak/Breakfast Roundup

1200 News Roundup

1230 VOA Magazine Show

1300 Special English News

and Technology Report

1315 Special English Feature: The Living Earth

1330 Country Music USA

2000 News Roundup

2230 VOA Magazine Show

2300 Special English News and Technology Report

2315 Music USA Jazz

2400 VOA World Report

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Britain bans visit by 2 Sinn Fein leaders

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Home Secretary William Whitelaw banned a projected visit to London by two leaders of Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army, which claimed the British government feared their message.

The Home Office said the ban on next Tuesday's scheduled visit to London of Gerry Adams, vice president of Sinn Fein, and Daniel Morrison, editor of the IRA's weekly newspaper *Republicans News* was ordered at the request of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman.

The ban was also extended to Martin

McGuinness, widely held to be the head of the IRA's "Derry Brigade" because a spokesman said of reports that he might accompany Adams and Morrison to London.

"We absolutely condemn the decision of the British Home Office to exclude us from speaking in London next week," Sinn Fein said in a statement after the banning order had been served in Belfast on the three.

"It proves what we have been saying all along, that the British government fears the message which Republicans wish to deliver, and were prepared at their peril to deliver, to concerned politicians in London," the Sinn

Fein statement said.

Adams and Morrison were invited to London by Ken Livingstone, left-wing labor head of the Greater London Council.

The ban came just two days after a bomb blast in a pub-disco in Northern Ireland killed 11 British soldiers and five civilians and injured 66 other persons. Responsibility for the bombing was claimed by the Irish National Liberation Army, a Marxist offshoot of the IRA.

Livingstone's invitation to the Sinn Fein men had provoked an outcry in London newspapers and among legislators.

Reporting the exclusion order in its main newscast, the British Broadcasting Corp. television news reader said the three Sinn Fein men were excluded "from this country" although Northern Ireland is part of Britain.

The ban was taken under the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1976 which empowers the home secretary to bar entry into England of a persons suspected of having committed or fomented terrorism.

"We want to see an end to the war in our country," the Sinn Fein statement said.

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Polish siege lifting opposed

WARSAW, Dec. 9 (R) — Poland's army newspaper Thursday came out against an outright lifting of martial law at this time amid increasing signs that military rule will be phased out gradually over a period of months.

The hard-line army daily *Zolnierz Wolszczu* said the lifting of martial law now would not be a sovereign Polish decision because it would take place at a time of continuing pressure from abroad and from internal opposition groups.

It reflected a growing impression given by official spokesmen that the process toward ending martial law, to begin with a Sejm (parliament) session on Monday to discuss the legal measures involved, would initially involve just a suspension.

Military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski said in July that martial law would be lifted or suspended by the end of the year if the security and economic conditions were right. Spokesmen have confirmed that, after the comparative failure of planned protests by underground leaders of the banned Solidarity trade union last month, there were now grounds for easing the restrictions.

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Surinam foils coup attempt

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Dec. 9 (R) — Surinam's military government has foiled an attempted coup by what army chief Days Bouterse described as the country's "rich economic elite," the government-controlled Surinam News Agency reported Thursday. Lt. Col. Bouterse, who is the South American country's military strongman, was quoted as saying the attempt to overthrow the government would have led to a bloodbath in Paramaribo, the capital.

The government imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew following the report of violence Wednesday in which several buildings were burned down. Col. Bouterse did not name the leaders of the thwarted plot, the agency said.

But he said without elaboration that some of the plotters had been destroyed. Col. Bouterse added that the leaders were members of a "rich economic elite" from the period before a military coup in February, 1980, when the country's elected government was toppled.

"The beds of social unrest used as centers of the counter revolution have been tackled," he was quoted as saying, adding that some of them had been destroyed. In Wednesday's violence, four buildings housing two privately owned radio stations, a newspaper and the office of a major trade union were burned down.

The government has closed Surinam's airspace, frontiers and university and banned meetings as well as silencing all local radio stations, leaving the official Surinam state radio as the only one still on the air. It also imposed a publication ban on six newspapers and two local news agencies, according to the official Surinam News Agency.

Surinam, a mountainous, heavily forested country on the northeastern coast of South America, received its independence from the Netherlands in 1975. It has a population of about 37,000 in a land area of some 160,000 square kilometers.

The government, which includes a number of civilian ministers below the military rulers, has recently faced strong opposition from the unions and people who resent its Socialist policies and want a general election.

Spain expects Gibraltar talks

MADRID, Dec. 9 (AFP) — The Spanish government's decision to open the gate to Gibraltar to pedestrian traffic next week has raised hopes here for a favorable British reaction and the opening of negotiations for the return of the colony to Spain.

Announcing the decision Tuesday after the first cabinet meeting since the Socialists took office last week Prime Minister Felipe Gonzales described opening the gate as a "humanitarian" gesture aimed at reuniting families separated since 1969, when former leader Francisco Franco closed all land communications in a bid to force Britain to negotiate.

Although Gonzales ruled out any link between the cabinet decision and the opening of talks with London, observers said the new government is clearly looking for a positive British reaction to what the press here has described as a "gesture of good will."

In London Wednesday, a Foreign Office spokesman said "Britain welcomed any easing of the restrictions on Gibraltar." But he said London was awaiting clarification on the decision and how it would be implemented. He also said opening the gate to pedestrians did not entirely fulfill the terms of the 1980 Lisbon agreement between Spain and Britain which foresaw complete reopening of the frontier separating Gibraltar from the Spanish peninsula.

Gonzales has repeatedly emphasized that the decision should not be interpreted as any weakening in Spain's claim to the colony, ceded to Britain in 1713.

In the parliamentary debate he repeated his intention of "reintegrating Gibraltar to the national territory" — his primary foreign policy goal — through negotiations with Britain.

Although the decision was hailed by most Spanish politicians, some have objected that its unilateral nature has left Spain with overall less bargaining power. Last January London and Madrid had agreed to proceed simultaneously with opening the gate and resuming negotiations on April 20. In application of the Lisbon agreement of April 1980.

But the outbreak of war between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands cut short those plans. Former Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre, co-signer of the Lisbon accord with the British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Wednesday criticized the decision calling it "premature" and "harmful to Spanish interests."



SPANISH PARADE: Felipe Gonzalez, right, new premier of Spain's Socialist government reviews the "Brumete" elite armored division's parade in Madrid on Wednesday.

Dominica jails former premier

ROSEAU, Dec. 9 (AP) — The West Indies Supreme Court of Appeal has overruled a lower court decision exonerating former Prime Minister Patrick John and three others on charges of attempting to overthrow the government of Dominica last year. The government announced.

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Immediately, Judge Monica Joseph heard an application for bail for John and the others presented by defense attorney Charles Beausoleil. After 90 minutes, the judge adjourned the hearing until Thursday.

Last June, Judge Horace Mitchell ruled the state lacked sufficient evidence to convict the four suspects. At the time, the judge ordered John and the others released.

After the decision, the government of Prime Minister Eugenia Charles announced the decision would be appealed. Sir Neville Peterkin, chief justice of the West Indies Supreme Court of Appeal, who headed a three-judge panel, came to Dominica and held a two-day hearing in late September. The high court's decision was handed down Tuesday.

Besides John, the others arrested Wednesday were Malcolm Reid, second-in-command of the now disbanded Dominican Defense Force; Dennis Joseph, former director of public broadcasting and information; and Julian David, a salesman.

John, who led this island to independence in 1978, had been forced out of power in June 1979 by a no-confidence vote, a general strike and a series of demonstrations.

Solar flare noticed

BOULDER, Colorado, Dec. 9 (AP) — A major solar flare is causing serious high-frequency communication problems in the polar regions, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Wednesday.

More solar flare activity is expected at any time, said Patrick McIntosh, solar forecaster for the Space Environment Services Center here.

McIntosh said protons from the flare were moving at half the speed of light and "the earth was receiving radiation within 30 minutes of the start of the flare" Tuesday.

Solar radiation can affect radio communications by changing the upper atmosphere and the earth's magnetic field. Such particles are capable of penetrating spacecraft and causing biological harm to unprotected astronauts in space," he said.

The flare went off just before it rotated out of sight over the west edge of the sun and spared earth the worse effects of the incident.

Bulgarian connection grows

ROME, Dec. 9 (AP) — A labor union leader charged with espionage and complicity in the terrorist kidnapping of a U.S. general has told investigators he was instructed by Bulgarian agents to make contacts with the Red Brigades. *Corriere Della Sera* reported Thursday.

Italy's largest newspaper said Luigi Scricciolo, in jail since February, has decided to collaborate with justice authorities and furnished the names of four employees of the Bulgarian Embassy with whom he allegedly was in contact.

According to the admissions made now to the magistrate, Scricciolo received precise instructions. He was explicitly asked to make contact with some members of the Red Brigades. The Bulgarians had a great interest in establishing a link with the terrorist organization, *Corriere Della Sera* said.

Asked to comment on the report, Bulgarian press attache Vassil Demirov repeated the embassy's contention that none of its diplomats or employees had contacts with any Italian terrorist group.

According to *Corriere Della Sera* and Rome's left-leaning *Le Repubblica*, there is no link between Scricciolo's case and the shooting of Pope John Paul II in which three Bulgarians have been implicated. *Corriere Della Sera* said the only connection is that "both Agca and Scricciolo were allegedly piloted by espionage agents from Sofia."

Corriere Della Sera and other newspapers reported Wednesday that Mehmet Ali Agca told investigators he received instructions to kill the pope while in Bulgaria and was assisted in Rome by Bulgarian secret service

agents.

Scricciolo's name came up at the trial of the Red Brigades terrorists convicted of kidnapping U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier.

Antonio Savasta, a ringleader turned informer, testified that an employee of the Bulgarian Embassy offered the leftist terrorist group arms and money and later, after Dozier was kidnapped, offered to help manage the kidnapping. Savasta said the offer was in contact.

Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. officer at the Verona NATO base, was kidnapped last Dec. 17 and freed by Italian police six weeks later.

In his deposition, Savasta said he did not speak to any Bulgarian but he was a jailed member of the Red Brigades. Loris Scricciolo, had arranged for the contact with his cousin, Luigi Scricciolo.

Scricciolo headed the international office of the Socialist-dominated Uil Union Federation, a job that put him in contact with union officials in various parts of the world. Scricciolo's wife, Paola, was also arrested on terrorist charges but was released from prison pending trial for reasons of health.

Meanwhile, Italian magistrates have seized personnel and passenger lists of the Bulgarian state airline whose Rome station chief was arrested last month for suspected complicity in the attempted murder of Pope John Paul, judicial sources said.

The lists were seized from the airline's office after allegations that it provided cover for Bulgarian secret service operations, they said. Sergei Antonov, Balkan air station chief in Rome, was arrested on Nov. 25.

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Bangkok	24	75	32 90	clear	-6	21	-4 25	cloudy
Beirut	10	50	18 64	cloudy	8	46	23 73	clear
Berlin	4	39	10 50	cloudy	5	41	10 50	clear
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